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TOPICS OF THE DAY



WHY PORTUGAL REVOLTS

CARTOON published after the assassination of King Carlos in 1908 depicted a ragged peasant looking dubiously at the bier of his late monarch and muttering: "Well, the King is dead—but the poor are still poor." Last week the forces of political unrest again broke into open eruption, with the result that the monarchy was overthrown after

terrific fighting in the streets of Lisbon, the reigning house of Braganza was driven into exile, and a republican form of government was proclaimed under the provisional presidency of Theophile Braga, Portugal's leading scholar and man of letters. The monarchy has been overthrown, but, as outside editorial observers of the situation are remarking, the economic conditions and problems which have been at the root of all of Portugal's political disturbances remain to confront the new leadership. Poverty knows no flag.

With a population of less than six millions Portugal has a debt of \$800,000,000, and the revenue for the last fiscal year, according to the New York Herald, fell nearly \$27,000,000 short of meeting expenditures. The allowance received by King Manuel from the people was \$365,000 a year. Portugal is an agricultural country about two-thirds the size of New York State. Nearly one-half of its area is said to be waste land, while the methods of farming in vogue are described as antiquated and wasteful.

Eighty per cent. of the population can neither read nor write. "The fight for political freedom in Portugal," says the New York American, "is the fight of the masses for a living." "When at last a people's subsistence is threatened, revolution can not long be avoided," remarks the New York Times.

For years, explains the New York Tribune, the kingdom was

misgoverned and plundered by political rings which succeeded one another in office and "pursued a consistent policy of doing as little for the good of the country and of stealing as much public money and running the nation as deeply into debt as it was possible for ingenious and pertinacious human rascality to do." Thus Manuel, on the death of his father and his elder brother, succeeded to a troubled sovereignty. Ever since that tragedy the situation has been one of intense unrest and na-

tional ferment. As the dispatches remind us, rumors of the overthrow of the Portuguese monarchy have been current for a long time. Since Manuel became king, half-a-dozen cabinets have vainly tried their hands at running the Government. Jealousy between various political factions has increased the confusion. It seems that Manuel's worries were not due entirely to the Republicans, who object theoretically to the monarchical form of government. Says the New York Sun:

"The Clerical party, which has most to fear from a general uprising, has been greatly irritated by his observing the forms of the Constitution. The Conservatives and great property-holders have been annoyed by his readiness to listen to Liberal counsels. It is from this side that the most recent threats against the reigning house have been made.

"A general uprising by a nation weary and sick of misgovernment by the politicians that control it might be something to be wished for in Portugal, and in Spain as well. There has been no indication in late years in either country that there are men who could lead such that the records would follow them

MANUEL OF BRAGANZA.

"IN SLEEP A KING, BUT WAKING, NO SUCH MATTER."

Awakened on the morning of October 4th by the guns of his warships bombarding his palace.

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a movement, and still less that the people would follow them if the leaders were found."

The same paper confesses itself puzzled by the unpopularity of the Braganzas:

"The reigning family is not liked, tho the cause of its unpopularity is not very clear; the late King was not tyrannical, tho

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WHERE A NEW FLAG FLOATS.

The city of Lisbon, showing the royal palace on the hill which was bombarded by revolutionary warships on October 4.

he was very extravagant; Queen Amélie has shown courage and devotion to the public good, but has failed to win the affection of the people, and King Manuel himself, if he has not as yet manifested any distinctive qualities, has at any rate tried to do his duty as a constitutional monarch. The faults of the Braganzas are slight when compared with those of other sovereigns. They have been generally of omission, and Portugal's position is such that the country might easily put up with a King Log.

"The recent elections showed that, except in large cities, the Republicans have no strong hold on Portugal."

King Manuel, who is not quite twenty-one, is regarded by The Wall Street Journal as the victim of circumstances:

"He inherited a condition which even the strongest ruler might have found hopeless. Of the two principal parties in Portugal each was more corrupt than the other, according as to whether it happened to be in office or not. There was, in fact, an understanding of rotation which utterly defeated any attempt at reform. One set of corruptionists succeeded another with a combination so powerful that good judges of the European situation have wondered whether it was not the attempt of King Carlos and his disinterested ministry to upset this machine which brought about the murder of that King and his eldest son. It is sometimes highly convenient to have anarchists to blame.

"Portugal would hardly be worse off in many ways. The administration is inefficient and to the last degree wasteful. There is probably hardly a servant of the state in Portugal or in its forlorn little colonies in Africa and Asia whose salary is not in arrears. It used to be said that positions like inspector of customs were hereditary, so that the public official could eke out a living collecting the arrears of his grandfather's salary. Naturally we can view with equanimity the introduction of a real popular government, even at the cost of financial disturbance and loss of life. It is of the essence of such government that a people shall make their own mistakes and learn by them."

The Springfield *Republican* affirms that "the fundamental cause of the revolution is undoubtedly economic," and goes on to say:

"Business under Manuel was not brightening; emigration continued to be heavy; no European royal family wanted to invest in a Portuguese king. . . . The population, in 1900, was about 5,500,000, with a considerable excess of women and girls owing to the heavy emigration of young men to North and South America. . . There are no coal deposits of consequence in the country. Manufacturing is poorly developed. The chief exports are wines, including Madeira, cork, and fruits-wines being by far the main article of foreign trade. that Portugal has never recovered from the loss of her colonial empire, which was so vast at one time-embracing Brazil in South America and large possessions in South Africa and the East Indies. Home development has been exceedingly backward and the present change to a republican form of government reflects the effort of the really progressive element to cut away entirely from the past and its stagnation in the hope of opening up a new era of progress and prosperity.'

But the incident which served as the spark to fire the magazine, changing wide-spread discontent and rumors of plots into actual revolution, seems to have been the murder of Professor Bombarda, a prominent Republican deputy. Says the Lisbon correspondent of the London *Chronicle*:

"The assassin was a lieutenant of the General Staff named Santos, who is an ardent royalist. He had been an inmate of an asylum, from which he was discharged recently contrary to the advice and wishes of Professor Bombarda. Santos left Lisbon when he was released and went to Paris. He returned on Monday and immediately sought Professor Bombarda at the asylum. A heated altercation between the two men culminated in Santos drawing a revolver and fatally wounding Bombarda.

"By people of cool intellect and calm judgment the murder has been regarded as the act of a demented man, but to the extreme revolutionists it seemed a political crime. They used it to incite the people of Lisbon against the monarch. The Republican newspaper Seculo issued on Monday evening an inflammatory placard, which was widely circulated, stigmatizing the murder as a political assassination and calling on the people to rise and put an end to the monarchical régime which permitted such foul deeds.

"Groups of excited workmen gathered around the placards and began to shout 'Down with the monarchy!' The cry was rapidly taken up and repeated.....

"This was the beginning of riot. When the police tried to restore order they were attacked by Republicans, who were armed with revolvers. Many shots were fired and some of the police were wounded. The rioters eventually were dispersed in this part of the city, but afterward they went in a body to the barracks in the Rua Castelho.

"Here was quartered the First Battery of Artillery They were known to be ardent partizans of the Republican party. In response to the clamorous demands of the populace the disaffected artillery men mutinied. They made the only two officers who were in the barracks prisoners and signalized their act of rebellion by trampling on the royalist flag, which was afterward torn to pieces by the mob."

As some of the troops in the city remained loyal, battle raged in the streets for many hours, and much blood was spilled, before the capital was in undisputed possession of the revolutionists, with the new red and green flag of the Republicans flying above the palace.

Whatever may be the outcome of the Portuguese revolution, remarks the New York *Journal of Commerce*, "it is manifestly another notice to the world of the fatal weakening of the monarchical principle." The same paper goes on to say:

"The throne is tottering in Spain, and it does not rest on a very secure basis in Italy. Should a republic be successfully established in Portugal it is hardly possible that its advent in Spain can be long delayed. Given the existence of two, possibly federated, republican states in the Iberian Peninsula, the effect in Italy could not fail to be profound, and thus a process would be begun which, in the life of the present generation,

might change the whole face of Europe. The change may come with violence and bloodshed; but it is, on the whole, more probable that the forces arrayed on its side will be powerful enough to render armed opposition futile."

DEATH IN THE VANDERBILT CUP

N THE afternoon of Saturday, October 1, some fifteen wrecked and abandoned automobiles might have been seen beside the Long Island roads within four miles of Garden City, the supply of bandages had run short in the Mineola and the Belmont Memorial hospitals, and the newspapers were printing the names of four men who had been killed and over a score of men and women who had been seriously injured that morning at the "bloodiest motor-car speed-event ever run in this country." If this is what the Vanderbilt Cup Race means, declares the New York American, the Vanderbilt Cup Race must go, and if this is what motor road-racing means, such racing "will certainly have to be given up." The same protest is voiced by The Evening Post, The Evening Mail, The Times, The Tribune, and other metropolitan dailies, and in deference to public opinion the Grand Prize race scheduled to be run over the Vanderbilt Cup course on October 15 has been called off by its promoters. The press are now seriously asking whether such sport "is worth the candle," and the Chicago Record-Herald speaks for many of its contemporaries in replying emphatically that it is not, for "what is there in the gain of a minute to excuse the appalling waste of life?"

Joseph Dawson lost the race to Grant by 28 seconds, entirely through a three-minute stop which he made after running down a man whom he thought he had killed, declares his manager. Dawson himself is reported in the New York *Times* as describing conditions on the course in the following manner:

"The road was full of holes and ruts. It was extremely narrow, and most of the way the crowd was so thick that it was impossible to see more than 200 feet ahead. When I had to stop, the people crusht around me to such an extent that the only way I could get out of the car was by climbing over the back.

"As the race went on, the throng got thicker and thicker. At the beginning I could turn the corners at a rate of 30 miles an hour, but later it was impossible to go around safely at more than 15 miles an hour. As far as I could make out, the only



A SACRIFICE TO SPEED

This Columbia racer, after a tire blew up, tore through the railings of a bridge, snapping off each steel post like a reed, then hurdled a fence, and, turning turtle, crusht out the life of the mechanic, M. R. Bacon, and seriously injured the driver, Harold Stone.



A CAR THAT MIGHT HAVE WON.

This Buick car, whose wreckage is entangled with that of the fence, had made an average of over 67 miles when in the 15th lap it became unmanageable, tore through the fence, and sideswiped a touring-car, tossing its five occupants high in the air. Louis Chevrolet, the driver of the racer, was badly hurt, and his mechanic, Charles Miller, was instantly killed.

guards were at the turns, with one or two scattered between them, and they cared for nothing but waving to us to keep right on. They made no attempt to keep the tracks clear for us."

The New York World having exprest its belief that "every person concerned in promoting or permitting the bloodshed could be morally indicted for manslaughter committed 'involuntarily as the result of criminal carelessness,' "The Tribune suggests in a friendly way that "the argument of this indignant condemnation would apply with equal accuracy and force "to the New York-St. Louis prize aeroplane flight arranged by The World. To this The World retorts that "neither in the risks involved nor in the objects to be attained are the contests in any way similar," and goes on to explain:

"There is no more 'practical certainty' that an aviator will be killed in the St. Louis flight than there was that Curtiss and Hamilton would be injured in their Albany and Philadelphia flights. Any sustained test of the aeroplane helps the progress of aviation. But what legitimate end is served by the Cupraces? They are automobile hippodromes merely, in which a mechanical invention is misused for the display of daredevil endurance at a fearful cost of human life. They contribute no more to the improvement of the automobile or the development of its manufacture than train wrecks contribute to the improvement of locomotives.

"Only a habit of thought biased by half a century's effort to adapt high-tariff arguments to the logic of facts could confuse a contest directly in the interest of scientific advancement with one in which lives are deliberately risked to amuse a crowd."

It is very largely because of the perilous nature of this contest that 100,000 people were on hand at daybreak to see it, declare several of the papers, and, adds the Springfield Republican, the crowds are sure to increase, "in view of the reputation this unspeakably interesting event is gaining as the premier thriller of the century." The reasons for the large list of fatalities and injuries at this year's Vanderbilt Cup Race are thus summed up by the Boston Transcript:

"The course was inadequately guarded. Enough people were hired to do the work, but that they did not do their duty is apparent from the way people rushed across the course at some places. . . . With more than two-score cars racing on a circuit of 12½ miles, and some of them racing with utter abandon as to their own safety, there should have been barriers the whole length of the course, as there was along the motor parkway proper. And instead of sleepy deputy sheriffs appointed by the

sheriff of the county, with an election a few weeks ahead, there should have been a wide-awake guard keen to its responsibility.

"Another count in the indictment against the management is that the course was not in the condition it should have been; the back stretch composed of country word had been only superficially repaired, and after the cars had been tearing over it at 80 or 90 miles an hour for a short time, the material that had been put on the surface was torn off and great holes were dug. These wrenched the machines and strained the drivers and made every trip around a chapter of accidents.

"Starting the race at daylight is an appeal to barbarian instincts, and barbarian instincts mixt with firewater always spell catastrophe. To reach the course before daylight motor-carparties by the thousands left New York City after midnight. Before midnight some of them spent their time in hotels and restaurants, and were not fit to pilot a motor-car or anything else. But they went out on the road, and, there being no attempt on the part of the authorities to curb their speed, they drove like fiends, endangering themselves and all other persons on the road. Some of them brought up against telegraph poles and trees and their names were added to the list of killed and



PRESENTING THE CUP.

—Macauley in the New York World.

injured. Motorists who attempted to drive from New York to the race-course in a sane manner were sickened by the actions of other drivers and were amazed at the number of wrecked machines they saw along the road.

All sorts of stories of motoring parties wrecked and people killed were brought to the grandstand two hours before the race started, and should have warned the officials not to start the race until they were certain that the course was reasonably safe. But the drivers were sent away, not primarily to win glory by their own achievements, but to supply advertising for the manufacturers of their cars. It was not a sporting event, but a business proposition, and the drivers had less thought about their own renown than of the publicity that would accrue to their car from a victory. The officials had an eye more to the business interests involved than to common safety. Had a sporting spirit ruled, the race would have been stopt when it was clear that its continuance was a tremendous menace; instead it was carried through to the bitter end, altho the chronicle of passing events became a list of dead and injured, rather than of scores made by the competitors."

The following press dispatch from Des Moines also seems to have a place here:

"DES MOINES, IA., October 6.—The first racing event of the Iowa Automobile Association terminated this afternoon with a tragedy when S. C. Meredith had his head crusht almost flat in a collision with a machine driven by John Wallace.

"Half-a-dozen cars were going at a terrific rate in the closing event of the day. Meredith sought to pass John Wallace, when the cars crashed into each other. A car driven by Thomas

Smith, coming directly behind, struck the other two and bounded clear over the fair-ground fence which was close by.

"The accident was witnessed by 10,000 people. Wallace and Smith are both in critical condition."

WHAT THE CENSUS SHOWED MISSOURI

LONG with withering words of scorn, gentle murmurs of pity, and bits of sage counsel, there have been coming from the editors beyond her borders many magnanimous offers to explain to "Poor Old Missouri" just why her population has remained practically stationary during the last decade. The census figures give her 3,293,335 inhabitants, only 186,670 more than there were ten years ago, a gain of but 6 per cent. Since St. Louis and Kansas City together show a gain of 196,240. it is obvious that the State outside of those two great cities has lost nearly 10,000 of its people. Now why should anything like this happen in the growing, booming West, in "a great agricultural State in the midst of the very richest agricultural section of our country?" asks a puzzled Nebraska paper. Its answer is "Oklahoma." Here the New York Tribune concurs. The Missouri farmers have "been drafted to States further West where opportunities seem to be greater," or else they have gone to the cities. Not only is the Missouri census report significant of the enormous recent growth of urban population in this country, but it also indicates, declares The Tribune, "that the Middle West has passed the period of unchecked agricultural development, and will get its second growth only when it begins to supplement agriculture with manufacturing."

In Missouri, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is also aware that the secret of the great increase of population in those communities which have made such increases is the extension of manufacturing. Missouri must "profit by their example." The St. Joseph News-Press, published in a county which suffered a loss of 28,818, admits that these rural losses are very disappointing, "but the conditions that have caused them are not local to Missouri; Iowa is known to have felt the same drain, and when the census figures are made public for the other States, doubtless many more will be found to have suffered in the same way." The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, too, prefers to defer comment "until returns from other States provide a basis for comparison."

The Omaha World-Herald believes that the result of the census puts Missouri in an "anxious attitude with reference to the apportionment of Representatives in Congress":

"It was not supposed that any Western State would have occasion to be solicitous on this account, but the danger of losing a Congressman is imminent. If the basis of representation is increased, according to the present supposition, in order to keep the membership of the House from being too large, Missouri is likely to lose one Representative and as a twin misfortune one vote in the Electoral College."

In Ohio, a State which is now confident of retaining its rank as fourth in population, at least so far as Missouri is concerned, the Cleveland *Leader* (Rep.) takes this opportunity to upbraid the distanced rival:

"Missouri has come nearly to a standstill because the State has been too erratic and too vicious in politics and government. It is impossible for a commonwealth to prosper if it waves yellow flags in the face of capital, intelligent ambition, and business capacity. It can't draw in or keep the kind of population that makes progress and good times if it harbors pestilences in the domain of government and then turns to political quacks to cure its ills.

"A State which keeps 'Gumshoe Bill' Stone in the United States Senate half his lifetime advertises itself as hopelessly out of harmony with the times. A State which idolizes a clever buffoon like Champ Clark, who says that he will drive a team of Missouri mules down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol,

if he is elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, does not understand the twentieth century.

"This is not partizanship. It is cold business sense. In some parts of the country there is nothing reckless or revolutionary about the Democratic party. In Missouri it is so tinctured with Populistic ideas that it is a menace to all legitimate interests and enterprises. The natural result is shown in the census returns from a State which ought to be one of the most prosperous and progressive in the country."

ADVANCE OF THE INSURGENTS

THE ONLY victory won by the Republican insurgents in the last Congress, jeers a Democratic campaign speaker, consisted in "the fierce retaliation of shutting off gasoline from the automobile purchased for the Speaker." Whatever dispute there may be about what they accomplished last spring, however, there seems to be evidence

MILES POINDEXTER

The insurgent whose nomination for United States Senator from Washington is considered "a really blistering condemnation of Ballinger in the Secretary's own State." that they have been doing something this fall. As the Washington correspondent of the St. Paul Pioneer Press (Ind. Rep.) remarks, the progressive or insurgent advance has brought about "the defeat or voluntary retirement of twenty-two Republican members of the House who were conspicuous as regulars and standpatters, the defeat of one Republican regular United States Senator, the voluntary retirement of six others, the nomination of progressive candidates for Governor in two Republican States, and the elimination of Joseph G. Cannon as a serious candidate for reelection as Speaker." In five States where they were put to real tests of strength-Kansas, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, California, and Washington -they have won overwhelming victories. "Such,"

the same correspondent goes on to say, "is the impressive record of accomplishment of the progressive movement in the field of practical politics." And he further reminds us that "in the legislative arena the progressives, at the recent session of Congress, overturned the Cannon oligarchy in the House, ended the Speaker's domination of the Committee on Rules, brought about the creation of a tariff commission or board, and exercised a potent influence in the shaping of the Railroad and Postal Savings-Bank Bills."

Moreover, after being for a time practically ignored by the National Republican Congressional Committee, they are now promised as much aid and comfort as is extended to the regulars. After a recent meeting of that committee in Chicago its chairman, Congressman William B. McKinley, issued the following statement:

"The members of the committee attending the conference authorized me, as chairman, to say to the press that the statements that have been made in the newspapers and otherwise to the effect that the National Republican Congressional Committee would not render assistance to candidates classed as insurgents is not only an unjust reflection upon the political integrity of the committee, but is absolutely and unqualifiedly untrue."

While insurgency is variously defined by its friends and enemies, there seems to be a general agreement among the insurgents themselves that the purpose of their movement is to wrest the control of politics from the special interests and give it back to the people. Victor Murdock, one of the insurgent leaders, lays special stress on the need of taking from the Speaker the appointment of committees. Other leaders of the movement lay chief stress on the deceptions which they believe were practised upon the public in the framing of the Payne Tariff Law. The San Francisco Call (Rep.) comments upon the "startling and almost sensational successes" of this movement throughout the country, and declares that its object is "a new Republican party, regenerated and redeemed."

As far as we may judge by the results of primaries and conventions, "the progressives have wrested the control of the party machinery from the standpatters," remarks the New York Financial World (Fin.). But it remains to be seen, add other

observers, whether they can carry the elections in November as well.

The Wall Street Journal (Fin.) declares that "a few years hence we shall find ourselves wondering why the attitude of the progressive section of the Republican party excited such intense bitterness." Its aim, we are reminded by this Wall Street paper, is "to take the hand of privilege out of the public pocket." and in this sense "our whole national life is insurgent." A little while ago much of the bitterness referred to found expression in the utterances of Republican leaders and in the columns of the more "regular" Republican press. But now, since the insurgents have been officially invited to return to the fold, we have to turn more and more to the Democratic papers to find vigor-



SYDNEY ANDERSON.

He attributes his defeat of Congressman Tawney in the Minnesota primaries to "the result of an educational campaign against Cannonism."

ous criticism of their position. Thus the New Orleans *Times-Democrat* (Dem.) records the fact that "the Wisconsin Republican Convention adopted a platform more radical than anything that has been given out by either of the two great parties in a generation," and goes on to remark:

"This is only one more indication that the Democratic party is to be the conservative force in the next campaign. And it is to be conservative not because it has marched to the rear, but because Republicans are passing it along the road leading to radicalism. Half-baked statesmen of the Republican party have appropriated the Bryan propaganda without understanding it, and are relettering it in red."

Another interesting phase of the situation is indicated by an anonymous Republican politician in Washington who is quoted by a correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* as saying:

"I think that many of the sweeping insurgent victories in the West have been partly encompassed by Democrats, who voted at the Republican primaries. These same Democrats, having disrupted the Republican party, by defeating 'standpat' members of the present Congress for their renomination, will be found at the polls in November voting to a man for the Democratic candidate."

On the other hand, a Beverly dispatch to the New York



THE DESERTED SHRINE.

Minor in the St. Louis Post Dispatch

American (Ind.) represents the President as now confident of Republican victory in November in the strongly insurgent States of the Middle West, but uneasy about the result in the Eastern States where "discontent exists, but without organized leadership in the Republican ranks." According to this dispatch President Taft "expects the insurgents to hold the West and give a small Republican majority in the House." In a speech before the National Republican League in New York—the last, it is said, which he will deliver until after the elections—he claims that the Republican party as a whole is a truly "progressive" party, as evidenced by its legislative record.

WHY BUSINESS WAITS

THE NEWSPAPER authorities who daily enlighten the man in the street about the true inwardness of things financial are just now trying to decide whether the business outlook is surprizingly favorable or unwarrantably dark. In a recent speech President Taft said: "It gives me the greatest satisfaction to say that in spite of all the rumors of possible business stagnation, our basic prosperity is assured for the coming year." Many papers profess to share the Presidential satisfaction altho they admit, with The Financial World (New York), that "Wall Street has a bad case of nerves." While speculation may be at a low ebb, "which is a good thing for the country," legitimate business, according to the New York Herald's optimistic viewpoint, is expanding in all directions, and the banking and credit situation is steadily improving. Another Eastern daily notes as a favorable symptom that "railroad gross earnings all over the country as a rule continue exasperatingly large for those who are anxious to impress the rate inquiry of the Government with a good calamity showing." In all the bewildering results of primaries and early elections, The Commercial and Financial Chronicle (New York) sees no phenomenon of the day so noteworthy as "the calmness with which the investment markets have received each successive announcement of the sort."

Yet this calm appears to other editors in the shape of a deadly lethargy, denoting something radically wrong in the industrial world. One deplores lengthily the "moderate depression in industry and the deep depression in business sentiment," and another calls attention to the general halt in lines of trade

usually active at this season. Despite circumstantial denials from Chairman Gary and several trade journals, there seems to be a willingness to believe rumors of an impending drop in steel prices, due to the slackness of the market.

In an attempt to explain the secret of the "lifeless stock market," the New York Evening Post suggests that the market, having already reflected much on the situation, "is now halting, irresolute, between the good and the bad in the immediate prospects."

The Evening Post then proceeds to set forth the imposing array of "arguments" between which the Stock Exchange is vainly trying to make its final choice:

"What are these good and bad considerations? Among the bad these will be classed: The unstable markets for commodities, with the uncertainty which they cause. The abnormal excess of imports in our foreign trade. The poor earnings and high expenses of some industrial concerns, such as the Hide and Leather Company, which lately showed 80-per-cent. shrinkage in profits during the fiscal year. The country's decreasing bank clearings, which for August were 15 per cent. less than in 1909, and also fell below 1907 and 1906. The unusually heavy outflow of currency from New York to the West, causing a loss in surplus reserves, during the first three weeks in September, of \$28,000,000, against only \$11,000,000 in the same weeks of 1909 and 1908. The political chaos, with the chance of unsettling results in the November general elections. And last of all, the stock market itself.

"This is a formidable list. But it has its offsets, which may be thus summed up: The prospect that decline in commodity prices will correct our foreign trade anomalies and (as in February, 1909) get home consumers and producers into touch again. The fact that industrial companies have thus far passed through the season with none of the disasters which beset them in July, August, and September of 1903. The increase of 10 to 15 per cent. in last month's bank clearings in the West and South—the East being the sole cause of its general decrease from 1909. The large New York bank surplus. . . . The possibility that a Democratic sweep in November will mean simply a divided Congress and a deliberate legislation. And, finally, a distinct revival in the bond market, with signs that investors are really interested."

Dun's Review thinks that "with crops aggregating large in quantity and value, in spite of the reduced yield of spring wheat; with politics becoming so intense and uncertain as to make enterprise timid, and with the railroads and shippers engaged in a dispute over rates," business men must reconcile themselves to "a waiting situation with little to encourage speculative enterprise." For this state of affairs the Springfield Republican finds "revolutionary politics" and Mr. Roosevelt chiefly responsible, and it explains just what the market is "waiting for" in these words:

"If the trust decisions and the railroad-rate controversy were settled, we should be apt to see a revival of speculative activity before the elections, and it may be seen any way, but the prevalent belief is that a revival of any proportions will wait after the elections upon the disposition of these important matters. There are to be considered, however, the influences



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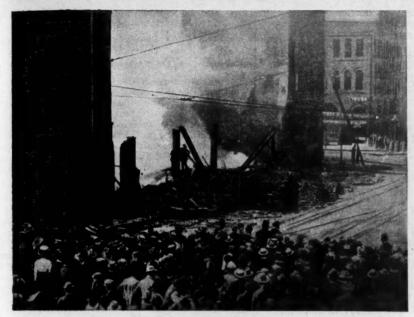
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THE RUIN OF THE "TIMES CASTLE" IN LOS ANGELES

GEN. HARRISON GRAY OTIS, THE OWNER.

The work of physical rehabilitation, says General Otis, "will be continued until the establishment is once more complete, full-fledged, and panoplied for the war which we are determined to prosecute so long as life lasts in defense of the great principles for which the Los Angeles Times and its responsible owners stand, and will continue to stand."

THE WRECKED OFFICE AND ITS OWNER.

which a great political overturn may have in preventing a radical and disturbing disposition of trust and railroad questions."

The stanchly Republican Globe-Democrat, of St. Louis, is decidedly unwilling to believe that business interests could remain cheerful in the face of so fearful a catastrophe as a National Democratic victory. The advance on the stock exchange following the Maine election "was a hysterical spurt which quickly spent its force, and prices are lower now than they were then." The present low state of the market, which "is expected to go lower," is attributed by this journal to "fear of a Democratic victory." This "is diminishing the demand for steel as it is for many other commodities, and thus the decline in the price of the stock is easily explained."

The New York Journal of Commerce, differing from The Iron Age (New York) and The Iron Trade Review (Cleveland), does not believe that the present condition of the steel business is by any means "satisfactory." We read:

"That invincible optimist, Judge Gary, chairman of the directors of the United States Steel Corporation, says in a statement given to the public that 'on the whole the steel business should be considered satisfactory'; and he sees 'no reason to expect any change in this respect.' He says there is no justification for the Pittsburg report that a 'wide open cut in prices of steel is likely to occur,' and only admits that the new business offered at present is 'less than the total producing capacity,' and that there has been 'a shading of prices of some commodities by a few of the smaller producers.'

"But the general market reports, which there seems to be no reason for questioning, plainly indicate a reduced production in the last few months of about 30 per cent., due to a shrinkage in business, and even at the beginning of the process the output was 'less than the total producing capacity.' The 'shading of prices' amounts to quite a substantial reduction for nearly all products of iron and steel and has been participated in by some of the principal subsidiaries of the Corporation. This is a matter of almost daily record."

Recent Pittsburg correspondence of the Boston *Transcript* reports "a much more normal tone" in the iron and steel trade, with the September bookings reaching a considerably larger total than in August. However,

"the increase in buying did not equal the capacity to which the mills are operating, so that the next report of the unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation will probably show another decrease, altho smaller than was the case a month ago."

LABOR'S PART IN THE LOS ANGELES OUTRAGE

HETHER General Otis blew up his own newspaper office, or whether it was done by his laborite ene mies, seems to be the disputed point in the Los Angeles affair. Some agency, at any rate, wrecked the office of the Los Angeles Times on the morning of October 1, killing a score of men and injuring as many more. During the same day bombs were found under the houses of General Otis and the secretary of the Merchants' Association. It is Mr. Crowley, of Cincinnati, the secretary and treasurer of the International Printing and Pressmen Assistants' Union, who ventures the theory that General Otis blew up his own office to cast odium on the labor-unions. President Lynch, of the International Typographical Union, however, doesn't go as far as this. His idea is that the explosion was not caused by dynamite at all, but "by faulty gas mains," and was "due entirely to the unsanitary condition of The Times plant." As The Times, General Otis, and the Merchants' Association have for years waged a bitter fight against the labor-unions, the charge that unionism was behind all three outrages was not slow in making itself heard. To quote Mr. Lynch again:

"The Los Angeles Times has for many years been a bitter, unrelenting, and unreasoning enemy of trade-unionism and it is characteristic of The Times management that immediately after the explosion which wrecked its plant and without awaiting any investigation as to the cause of the catastrophe it should charge the disaster to the trade-unions as was done by The Times' assistant general manager. The Typographical Union resents and refutes this charge. We have defended ourselves against the attacks made by The Times as best we could, but we have always fought fair.

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dynamiting institution; its record of more than sixty years' existence is an honorable one and entirely free from resort to violence of any kind. It has won its cause and reached its present position of strength and influence solely through the justice of its contentions and the lawful and orderly manner in which its aims have been prosecuted and made effective."

Says Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor:

"The position of *The Times* toward union labor is well known, but nothing has happened recently to make the feeling of union men against the paper more acute. I regret the loss of life and destruction of property, but I see no reason for thinking union members had anything to do with it."

In its news columns the morning after the explosion General Otis's paper says:

"The union has struck. The great coup consists of broken hearts of innocent workers. That is all. The rest is as nothing. Nothing has been accomplished except to give the world one more example of the insane murderous folly of the rabid labor-unions.

"The unions are already appalled at the storm raised by their own awful crime.

"Passionate denials of guilt from all the 'big' union leaders of America are being clicked in over the telegraph.

"'Twas gas,' they shriek from all points of the compass.

"'Faulty gas mains,' snarls Jim Lynch, of the Typographical Union, now in Indianapolis.

"'Not our fault,' says Sam Gompers, nervously, in St. Louis"'Absurd,' says Andrew J. Gallager in San Francisco.

"'A reward of \$7,500 for the arrest of the perpetrator,' says Olaf Tvietmoe, of San Francisco."

And in its editorial columns it goes on to comment as follows:

"The Times is not destroyed, nor will its publication be seriously hindered.

"The devils in human form, who murdered and maimed the men employed in its news and mechanical departments, will not escape. Ropes are dangling for them and prison doors are yawning for them. The eyes of a sleepless vigilance are upon each and all of them. With all their cunning, traces of their work are picked up every hour. There is no quarter of the earth to which they can flee, where they will not be followed and from which they will not be returned.

"Tho the dynamiters escape human justice, yet the righteous wrath of God will overtake them. When they drink the blood of their victims will be in their cup. When they would sleep the shrieks of the murdered ones will be in their ears." The most plausible explanation, remarks the San Francisco Post, seems to be that the dynamiting was the work of misguided fanatics, and not of anybody bearing a responsible relation to organized labor. This view seems to be shared by the press generally. Says the Washington Star:

"The Los Angeles outrages—for all three cases must be considered together, the destruction of *The Times* building and the attempts upon the two dwellings—were possibly committed by men inspired by a fanatical zeal for what they conceived to be a just cause, carried off their balance by long brooding over either personal misfortunes or the failure of their organizations to win in the fight for recognition. If this is the case it is even more to the interest of the organizations themselves to find these miscreants and secure their punishment than it is for that of the community and the publishing company which has suffered this heavy loss."

And the Boston Transcript remarks in similar vein:

"The labor-unions are pursuing the proper course in assisting to trace this wholesale crime to its source. They can not afford to rest under the imputation or suspicion for which in the minds of many this shocking incident seems to furnish ground. They can not leave their future under the shadow of a great public crime and calamity. They must not permit to remain an impression that they are enemies of society and sharers in dastardly and deadly methods of adjusting grievances. trouble in such cases is that there are stormy petrels of labor disturbances who make them the occasions for exploiting insane ideas and overworked passions. Among the arrests that have been made is that of a supposed anarchist. The anarchists care little or nothing for the interests of labor. They do not labor themselves and have little sympathy with those who do, but are willing to sacrifice them for their own insane purposes. Dynamite is their favorite means of attaining their ends. The Los Angeles affair was not so public as the Haymarket riots in Chicago, but it has similar earmarks."

Turning to the New York Commercial, however, we read:

"It is in no sense unfair to organized labor to assume that the printing trades-unions or individual members of them in Los Angeles were directly responsible for the blowing-up of The Times building and plant with dynamite, the murder of nineteen of its employees, and the serious injury of twenty-five more—because these unions and their allies have for years been threatening to destroy this non-union outfit and, if possible, the publication itself so as to weaken the forces that are fighting union policies and practises.

"California is union-labor-ridden and ought to rid herself of the curse. A few hangings for union-labor crimes will alone

restore normal industrial conditions out there."

TOPICS IN BRIEF

In Mr. Roosevelt's speeches the "I's" have it .- Wall Street Journal.

It's our theory that Maine went Democratic as an advertisement.—

The more interest a man takes in his business the more he is likely to take out.—Wall Street Journal.

"I HAVEN'T a word to retract," says Mr. Roosevelt. Not at a dollar a word, anyhow.—Washington Herald.

OUTSIDE of Kansas City and St. Louis, Missouri lost population in the last decade. She evidently needs more Folk.—Chicago Evening Post.

A METROPOLITAN newspaper devoted two pages yesterday to describing New York's police force when one word would do it.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

SPEAKER CANNON asks that Republicans stand up and be counted. Possibly he entertains doubt as to there being a quorum present.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

New York may have the greater number of inhabitants, but how does it stack up against Chicago in culture now that it takes second place in baseball and postal receipts?—Chicago News.

ROOSEVELT is gratified to have Taft's support and Taft is gratified that Roosevelt asked for it. Therefore the two are hopelessly estranged.—

Indianapolis Star.

In spite of certain captious criticisms of his work with the stick, the Colonel still leads the Republican league in the matter of batting averages.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The winning candidate in New Hampshire is Bass and in Pennsylvania Tener. Some day, if the suffragettes get their way, the sopranos and contraltos will have a show.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

BRYAN couldn't even lead the mule to water.—Bedes' Budget (Duluth).

T. ROOSEVELT has a wonderful faculty for choosing the right enemies.—
Chicago News.

In the political conventions the keynotes are sounded on wind instruments.—Chicago Evening Post.

The city of Wilkes-Barre wants to get a copyright on its name. Seems an unnecessary precaution.—New York American.

Ir may be because Woodrow Wilson has gone into politics that Yale has raised the salaries of its professors.—Washington Herald.

OUTDOOR schools now being the rage, the Old Guard probably won't mind doing a little studying on the outside.—New York American.

A GUN is invented that will bring down airships. Up to date the aviators have been able to come down without the aid of a gun.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

DEPARTMENT of the Interior says there are still many wealthy Indians in the country. How careless in the attorneys to overlook them.—Wall Street Journal.

JOSEPH G. CANNON spoke for almost an hour. The convention adopted a progressive platform.—From the New York Sun's report of the Illinois Republican Convention

The Federated Labor party in adopting the emblem of Atlas carrying the earth on his shoulders lays itself open to charges of infringement of personal patent.—New York World.

Tuesday's New York Times shamelessly declared that ofgbacrdbyT'ndep ****S shr sh sh sh s s, altho no hint of the contents of Colonel Roosevelt's speech was supposed to be made known until after delivery.—Ohio State Journal.



COMMENT



DISRUPTIVE FORCES IN PORTUGAL

THE THRONE of Portugal has long been tottering. The boy King, who will not be 21 till November 15, has shown many signs of incapacity and levity, if we are to believe the reports of the press. An illuminating light was thrown on the strength of the revolutionary party when Manuel's father and brother were shot down in the streets of the

capital in 1908 and the Government considered it unsafe to prosecute the conspirators! So the outbreak has not come as a surprize to the European papers. It followed immediately upon the opening of the Cortes, where the speech from the throne, optimistically hopeful as it was, met but a cold reception. The anxious forebodings of the Madrid, Paris, and Berlin press have proved fully justified.

It was indeed darkly ominous that none of the Republican party of the opposition attended the opening of Parliament, as the Neue Freie Presse (Vienna) tells us. The existence of a conspiracy against the King's life has been hinted at in the press of every European capital, and the Heraldo (Madrid) says the Lisbon police had arrested ten men in a locksmith's shop engaged in manufacturing 171 bombs, one of the prisoners being a well-known Republican who had been arrested in 1908 for compounding explosives, tho no political plot was proved against him. On the present occasion the ten men, we are told, avowed the political object of their association. While King Manuel espoused the cause of the Clericals, and in his speech from

the throne avowed his intention to protect the rights of the Church, many Catholics have become estranged from him because of his flagrantly immeral life and general feebleness of

But the immediate cause of the uprising was the murder of the anticlerical leader Professor Bombardo by a lieutenant of the Clerical party, as related by the Republican paper Pais (Madrid). At the news of this outrage the cry, "Down with the priests," was raised throughout the streets of the capital and Bombardo's name rang all over Portugal as if he had been a second Ferrer. Soon after this the Republican leader Alfonso Costa proclaimed at a public meeting that Manuel must abdicate and leave the country. His words, as reported by the Paris Matin, were:

We have let the King know that he must get out. The coming revolution will be as free from bloodshed as possible. We intend to put to death only those whom it is absolutely necessary to get rid of.

Hundreds of Army officers and under-officers lie in the prisons of Portugal, declares this paper, charged with complicity in revolutionary plots. They resented the King's sympathy with

the Francoists. It was Franco, the high-handed dictator, who attempted to govern the country without a Parliament and thus provoked the assassination of Manuel's too trusting father Carlos I. Yet, says the Hamburger Nachrichten, when sixteen new senators were appointed, the Republicans were indignant to find a Francoist among them. To quote from a long article on "The Political Developments in Portugal":

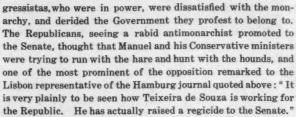
"The Republicans severely condemned in their morning

papers the choice of a man who had been a Minister under the Dictator' Joao Franco. Taking into account the bitter feeling which still prevails throughout the country against the Francoists. people might well be surprized when this man, Malheiro Reymao, was thus promoted by the

The spirit of antimonarchism and anticlericalism has been kept alive among the Portuguese peasantry and proletariat by the circulation of inflammatory appeals in the shape of tracts and newspapers. In the days of Franco these papers were supprest and their publication offices closed. This enraged the party of violence and rendered Franco an object of popular execration. Carlos himself became involved in the unpopularity of his minister, who was really an able and conscientious man. King Manuel, in reversing the restrictive measures of his father, only gave confidence to his opponents. The Hamburger Nachrichten plainly declares that the King showed his weakness when he took the ban off the supprest papers which had been preaching veiled treason. This restored to the country ten Republican papers whose editors had been in hiding abroad. Even the Pro-

Government." MANUEL IN SEARCH OF A WIFE. A statuette sold on the streets of Paris during the young King's

recent visit to England.



The correspondent of the London Times recently summed up the situation as follows:

The King is criticized as giving almost as little aid to monarchical causes as to the Progressistas, whose profest attachment to his Majesty can, it would seem, be maintained only on condition that they alone be allowed to govern, and that in any fashion they may choose.

It is stated that the King's lack of force in political affairs is accentuated by public suspicion that his private life has been rapidly losing him the good esteem of those whose honest attachment to the Roman-Catholic Church has hitherto made them loyal to the monarchy in his person."-Translations made for THE LITERARY DIGEST.



TRACTION ENGINES USED IN THE ENGLISH ARMY MANEUVERS.

The 'American Army still depends upon the humble but useful mule. Major Bell, U. S. A., said in a recent report: "The transportation for the Army in the field is practically the same as it was in 1861, for our Army is probably the only one among the leading nations which has not made use of automobiles, traction engines, etc."

FIASCO OF THE ENGLISH MANEUVERS

R. HALDANE, who is pronounced by the Prime Minister to be the ablest Secretary for War that England ever had, invented a new kind of army for England, which was formed of neither regularly enlisted troops, nor Volunteer Corps, but of what are called Territorial Troops. It forms a sort of army in training, or national reserve, which may be drawn upon by the regular Army in time of war. While a



A NEW PEACE PLAN.

Send all the British officers to Germany as spies, and all the German officers to England, and then lock them all up! -Ulk (Berlin).

man enlists in the regular Army for twelve years, the Territorial engages for only four and can resign when he chooses. His time of training is largely left to his own convenience, but he must serve with the colors for from eight to fifteen days consecutively every year. This autumn the Territorials have been following the example of the French and German armies in entering upon a sham campaign. Punch has always ridiculed them, for Punch is the organ of the aristocracy and the regular Army. It is reported in the press that Lord Kitchener looks with contempt on Mr. Haldane's new invention and pronounces the recent sham battle "a fiasco." This verdict is echoed by The Saturday Review (London), which declares:

"The Territorial maneuvers proved a fiasco. It was no fault of the officers and men, to whom much praise must be given. But it was clearly shown that they were in no way able to take the field in large organizations, and that it was impossible to expect untrained men to march and maneuver without making a farce of the whole business, in spite of the supreme efforts to make the show a success. They were stiffened by regular officers, in some cases taken away from important work which had to be done in their own units, such as artillery officers being called away from their batteries while undergoing the annual course of firing at Okehampton; and money, besides, was

poured out like water. The whole affair indeed would have been laughable if it were not so serious and pitiable."

Mr. Haldane is seriously blamed for the poor show his cavalry made in the matter of horse flesh, where Rosinante was far better represented than Bucephalus. We are informed that English stables are unable at present, owing to the decline of agriculture and grazing in the realm, to supply enough beasts for the Army and that agents are being sent to this country to buy colts from the West. The Saturday Review, after declaring that the lack of horses "is really becoming a national danger," proceeds:

"It is even more important than the question of the supply of men, because these, at any rate of a sort, can always be obtained at a pinch by paying for them. Neither Mr. Haldane nor other members of the Government will take this matter seriously. But it is clear that after the quality of horses obtained for the present maneuvers, and the difficulty of finding them, the matter must be seriously tackled, if an appalling breakdown when real war is upon us is not to happen."

What amazes The Daily Mail (London) is the fact that aviation was not utilized in the maneuvers of the Territorials. Their representative, Mr. Thomas, who had witnessed the French autumn maneuvers, came to the conclusion after visiting the Territorials on Salisbury Plain, that "the great lesson of the French maneuvers had not been grasped in England."

The Mail says editorially:

"Fresh from witnessing the operations of the French air scouts in Picardy, Mr. Thomas pointed out that they had revealed a new weapon of tremendous power in the aeroplane. There followed a statement of the French War Minister that the problem of military airmanship had been solved, and that

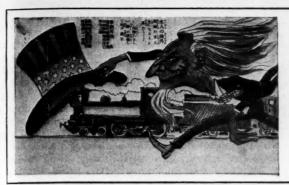


"PRESERVING" THE COUNTRY.

British Autumn Maneuvers-any Year.

Certain "sportsmen" are still to be found with so poor a notion of patriotism that they refuse to allow troops to pass through their coverts for fear that sport should be spoilt by maneuvers which are over two months before their first shoot.

-Punch (London).





THE RUSSO-JAPANESE CONVENTION.

UNCLE SAM.—"Gosh! I wanted to make Manchuria mine, but the convention fist knocked me out of it."

—Tokyo Puck.

the aeroplane had proved itself a most formidable weapon for scouting. . . . His report is that there are only two aeroplanes in the field; that even these two are not being used; and that the airmen have been left ten miles from the scene of operations and been granted no facilities for their work.

"In signal contrast with this official neglect of the new arm at the British maneuvers is the news that the German military authorities have been so thoroughly convinced by the French tests of military flying-machines that they have decided forthwith to organize a fleet of aeroplanes."

JAPAN'S ASIATIC AMBITION

NSTEAD of finding Japan the gallant knight who will deliver her from the European dragon, Asia is discovering that Japan can be something of a dragon too, says a keen writer in India, whose words appear in The Contemporary Review of London. Mr. Saint Nihal Singh, a Sikh journalist who has traveled all over the world, recalls that when Japan fought Russia on Chinese soil, to save China from the clutches of the bear, it was thought the little brown soldiers might next be fighting England to deliver India from alien rule. This is all changed now. As Japan learned the arts of Europe in order to vanquish Europeans, so the other Asiatic nations have been trying to learn the arts of Japan, says Mr. Singh, in order to maintain the integrity of their territory from Japanese invasion. The consequence is that Japan is becoming the school of the East. Foreign Asiatics throng its places of education, its workshops, and its factories in order "to learn how Japan is able to do all this" that she has done. To quote from this brilliant Asiatic journalist:

"The entire Orient is sitting at the feet of Japan in order to become able to outwit that nation. The Sunrise Kingdom learned from the Occident how to beat the West with its own weapons. Asia to-day seems anxious to pay Japan back in her own coin. Realizing the necessity of educating themselves along the same lines as Japan, if they are to be as successful as the little island nation has been, the other Asian countries have sent students to the Land of the Rising Sun to master the methods that have pushed the Japanese forward in the scale of nations. From India, China, Siam, the Philippines, and other Eastern countries students have flocked to Japan. They go there with a dynamic desire to learn the arts and crafts that have made it possible for the Oriental islanders to whip an Occidental Power, and which, they hope, will in turn enable their nations to get the better of the Occident and, at the same time, of Japan. These seekers after knowledge are of all sorts and conditions. They come from rich and poor families, and represent all castes and provinces. Some of them have passed the middle milestone of life, while others are mere boys in their teens. Most of them are supported by the Government or by public-spirited citizens of the land from whence they come. few support themselves. They quickly become absorbed in the great student population of Tokyo-nine-tenths of the foreign students gravitate to the capital of the Empire-and by the time six months have passed by they are tolerably well able to talk

the language and follow the discourse of the Japanese lecturers in the schools and colleges. Not all of them enter the schools, however; many of them work in factories and workshops with a view to possessing themselves of the keys that will unlock the gates of industrial prosperity."

Japan is no Little Red Ridinghood to walk into the jaws of the wolf, and is becoming seriously alarmed by the prospect of rivalry disguised under the garb of admiration and complaisance. Japan is too shrewd not to see that a checkmate is lying in wait for her, and she is now throwing hindrances in the way of the foreign students whose attendance in her schools she once so eagerly welcomed, for the industrial students of India



THE DOOR IS OPEN,

But who can get past the guards?

—National Review (Shanghai).

and China are stealing her secrets, undermining her power, and spoiling her prospects of supremacy in Asia. In Mr. Singh's words:

"Japan, evidently becoming alarmed at the Asiatic attitude toward her trade policies, is showing a disposition to hinder the Oriental students in their quest for information. The fees for foreign students who desire to study in the Japanese universities and polytechnic schools have been doubled, while it is daily becoming more difficult for the continental Asiatic to gain admittance to the mills and factories of Japan in order to learn the secrets of the various trades and industries."

Yet the stream of foreigners, in spite of all obstacles, persistently pours into Tokyo. "The Orient seems to be afraid of being exploited by Japan, but at the same time does not hesitate to learn from the Japanese how to escape being despoiled."

The old romantic dream that Japan would lead the crusade against the European usurpers and looters, and help each nation

to assert its autonomy is now ridiculed in the Indian and Chinese press. Mr. Singh thus interprets the spirit prevailing on the Asiatic continent at this moment:

"The entire Oriental press went into ecstasies over the prowess of the Japanese soldiers and the strategic ability of the officers who engineered the task of grappling with the Rus-



THE NEW DREAM OF THE ASIATIC OGRE.

JAPAN—"Excellent! My appetite grows with eating."

—Fischietto (Tuirn).

sian Army and Navy. Enthusiastic panegyrics were written regarding the sacrifices which the patriotic islanders had made to avert a menace to their national existence. Lavish praise was bestowed upon the wonderful manner in which Japan, in a brief span of years, had modernized and prepared herself to defeat the Oriental with his own weapons.

"To-day all is changed. Where not long ago Asia was vociferously appreciative of Japan, at this moment the Orient is coming to denounce Japanese aggression. At least, Asia is showing unmistakable signs that she does not regard Japan as her possible leader. The Orient has been forced to assume this attitude because of Japan's recent actions in Korea, Manchuria, and China, which are being interpreted all over the continent as inimical to the 'Asia-for-the-Asiatics' propaganda."

Japan is "out for herself," all the time, declares this writer, and is intriguing and maneuvering for the preeminence, not of Asiatic nations, but of one nation, and the nation whose head-quarters are at Tokyo. "The Asians," he concludes, "have assumed a watchful attitude toward Japan, and are inclined to resent the Nipponese propaganda, which seems to be: 'Asia-for-the-Japanese.'"



EVERYTHING HARMONIOUS

Japanese General—" Of course you are signing your abdication of your own free will?"

EMPEROR OF KOREA—"To be sure. How could anybody think otherwise?"—Mucha (Warsaw).

AGAINST THE KOREAN MERGER

NE PROMINENT Japanese, at least, looks with misgiving upon the annexation of Korea. While the rest of the nation seems a unit in approving this step, Mr. Takenokoshi, writing in the Taiyo (Tokyo), declares that two dangers beset the Japanese in this course. The Government of the Mikado is investing money in improvements, without the least chance of being reimbursed; and secondly, experience teaches that the sudden introduction of foreign institutions. with an abolition of all native precedents, is fatal to national or colonial progress. These words of Mr. Takenokoshi are not to be lightly dismissed. He is said to be one of the most learned politicians in Japan, and has written many popular books. He has traveled extensively in the colonies and dependencies in the Far East, and is well versed in the colonial policies of the various Powers. His excellent book on Japanese administration in Formosa has been translated into English and published in this country. Like many scholars, he often hazards extraordinary generalizations and prophecies, but on the whole his views are marked by sanity and discretion. Naturally his antiannexation views have attracted wide attention in this country. The cardinal point of his contention is that no Power should spend on a colony a sum of money which is utterly out of proportion to the profit which the commerce and industry of that colony are capable of conferring upon the mother country. He says:

"Korean administration entails at present an expenditure of some \$21,500,000, of which Japan provides \$16,000,000. In addition Japan has advanced \$2,500,000 to the Korean Government, without the least possibility of reimbursement. Now Korea's foreign trade does not exceed \$17,500,000, of which about 15 per cent. may be taken as the profit Japan may derive therefrom. It comes to this, that we should not expend upon Korea much more than \$2,500,000 annually, whereas we are expending more than six times that sum. The annexation of Korea will inevitably increase our financial burden, which is already too heavy. Korea may in time become self-supporting, but judging from our experience in Formosa, thirty years are required to attain that stage. Presuming that \$15,000,000 will be the annual sum of expenditure after annexation, the total amount for thirty years would be \$450,000,000. Certainly the game is not worth the candle.

Mr. Takenokoshi further contends that Japanese policy in Korea has been based upon a mistaken idea of colonial administration. When France first occupied Annam, he asserts, she introduced radical reforms into the administration of its internal affairs, fancying that the Annamese could be governed in the same manner as Frenchmen. The folly of this policy soon became evident, and the new policy of France is based upon the idea that native institutions should be maintained where they do not run counter to good administration. What Japan is doing in Korea is, the writer believes, what France was doing in Annam before the adoption of the new policy.

The idea that civilization and prosperity will be promoted and Japan aggrandized by the annexation is laughed at by the Russian papers. Annam is indeed a warning and Korea can no more be governed by Japanese than Annam by French Republicans. The Novoye Vremya is very satirical on this point and derides the Japanese official documents in which the annexation of Korea is described as advantageous to civilization in general and to the Koreans in particular. It says that Korea could get along very well without the unasked aid of Japan, and ridicules the statement that the Koreans offered no resistance to Japan's encroachments. It recalls the report published by the Japanese Government itself, which shows that since the conclusion of the war with Russia thousands of Koreans were killed in the attempt of the Japanese officials to eradicate the rebellious spirit. It concludes:

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"Russian interests in Korea are so slight that our diplomacy has no excuse whatever to raise a protest. Other Governments, however, like the United States and England, have more at stake in this matter. For them the annexation of Korea is very detrimental. As far as we can judge by the facts that have come to us from the Foreign Office, there is considerable dissatisfaction in England. More serious dissatisfaction probably is to be expected in Washington. But since no one is going to declare war on account of Korea, and since there is no other means of reversing the accomplished fact, we may suppose that the whole affair will end in a few more or less cutting newspaper editorials. There is only one thing to be said about Korea now: 'Requiescat in pace.'"

The Riech (St. Petersburg) does not deny that the Japanese met with opposition in Korea, but explains it as follows:

"The picture of Japan's activity in Korea from 1905 to 1909 seems to differ widely according to the sources from which it With the object of gaining the good-will of the civilized world the Japanese published and distributed widely an official account of the General-Resident from 1907 to 1909. According to that account, of course, the Japanese administration was beneficent and enlightening. The work of the administration was carefully planned and systematically carried out, and found resistance only among those who were blinded by prejudices or by their reactionary tendencies. But if we turn to the observations made by foreigners, especially Englishmen and Americans, then we obtain quite a different impression. They tell us the rule of the Japanese in Korea has brought wo and desperation to the natives, who are forcibly deprived of the very fundamentals of national existence. The truth is, however, these fundamentals really belonged to a bygone age, while the Japanese reforms, tho introduced by force, undoubtedly aim not merely at the conquest, but also at the Europeanization of the country."—Translations made for THE LITERARY DIGEST.

CONDITION OF WOMEN IN RUSSIA

OMEN in Russia among the lower orders are merely tools in their husbands' hands, and regarded as so many domestic animals, says Mr. Eugen Zabel in the Deutsche Rundschau (Berlin). Men have an almost unlimited power of punishing their wives. They beat and starve them, and make them do the lowest menial work. The young girls are exposed like cattle in the market to await those in want of wives. Yet, says this writer, the Russian woman is a noble and heroic creature. She is neither sprightly, like the French woman, nor thoughtful like the German, but she is intelligent, enthusiastic, and devoted to political liberty. This quality is described as follows:

"If the Russian woman of the lower order still finds herself in a state of abject submission, the not through her own fault, a lady of the upper class has every opportunity of exhibiting all the fine qualities of her nature. It is true that she has not the airy vivacity of a French woman, nor that calm and spiritual thoughtfulness of the German which appears so plainly in her love for husband and children. Yet she is conspicuous for her great enthusiasm in espousing a lofty ideal for the political and social future of her country. Fidelity, self-sacrifice, valor are all manifested by her in seconding the efforts of the man she loves even in the severest hardships."

When Nicholas I, came to the throne an insurrection broke out in which the noblest of the land were implicated. Many rich and titled people among the crowd of conspirators were mown down by the cannon in St. Petersburg. Many rich men of rank were banished to Siberia and their wives were given liberty to be divorced from them. Most of these Russian ladies preferred to follow their husbands and "in the icy deserts of Siberia many of them died prematurely."

The femininism of the Russian women sometimes takes a more masculine direction. The suffragettes are calm, reasonable, and moderate in comparison with the Slavic femininists, for "naturally the passionate temperament of the Russian women

leads them to join the revolutionary movement, with an activity which is absolutely ferocious."

But the Russian woman also directs her activity to the pursuits of civil life and the abolition of war. She is an intellectualist, a practical scientist, and a pacifist. Of this side of her



RUSSIAN PEASANTS

The peasant women "are regarded as so many domestic animals" and the men "beat and starve them and make them do the lowest menial work."

character, which is as far removed from the abject degradation of the beaten wife as it is from the rage of the revolutionary fury, Mr. Zabel remarks:

The most striking characteristic of the Russian woman of to-day is her desire to rival the man in all fields of social activity and to secure her independence of his authority. A vast number of women frequent the schools of the university and are found in the chemical and clinical laboratories. They submit to the severest privations and hardships in their efforts to attain a position of independence."

It is too often thought, says this writer, that Russian women are political and socialistic visionaries of the most extreme sort. It is true, he admits, that there are some who "promote with passionate and terrible relentlessness the social and revolutionary agitation of the Nihilists and live expatriated in Paris, Berlin, London, and New York." But there is another side of the picture which Mr. Zabel thus unfolds:

"The activity of the Russian woman also expands itself in the promotion of progress and peace. The Russian women of the most advanced class practise medicine, become professional nurses, build hospitals, and institute, both in the cities and the provinces of Russia, refuges for boys and girls, protectories for children, and employment agencies. The motto on their banner is 'Science and Liberty.' Their aim is to elevate the character of women in Russia. They wish to destroy the old system of feminine slavery and submission to masculine tyranny, and on its ruins to erect a new social structure radiant with the light of intellectual civilization."—Translation made for The Literary Digest.



INTERIOR OF A RUSSIAN PEASANT COTTAGE.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

THE ANT AS A HEALTH-BOARD AGENT

HE ANT has just been presented in an entirely new character. Of her industry no one has entertained a doubt, the sluggard having been for centuries adjured to "consider her ways and be wise." None of us has suspected, however, that these ways might include a proclivity to fight against the agents of disease and on the side of hygiene. One of our recently acquired species in the Philippines does just this type of work, as has been recently discovered by Dr. Percy L. Jones, a surgeon in the United States Army. Says The British Medical

Journal (London):

"We are beginning to hear much of the baleful activity of the fly in the dissemination of disease. Captain Jones's observations, therefore, which were made in the Philippines, come very opportunely as offering a possible remedy for an addition to the dangers which threaten human Having noticed that flies are comparatively rare in the Philippines, he ascertained that there is a species of ant which finds the larvæ of the fly are very much to its gastronomic taste. The way in which the ant deals with the larva is described by Captain Jones as fol-

lows:
"'Upon watching
these ants attack fly

larvæ, it is interesting to note that they do so in a way which proves that they are no novices at the procedure. One will attack an extremity and apparently bite it, and as soon as the larva begins to coil and makes efforts to escape, numbers of others will immediately jump upon it, and in the course of a few moments the larva will be apparently dead. I believe that the ant introduces some venom in the act of biting, formic acid in character, which preserves the larva as food until such time as the ant needs it—cans it, in other words. As soon as the struggles of the larva have ceased, they haul it off to their nests and return for others. In many instances I have seen them carry away pupæ. It will be interesting for the reader to procure a few maggots and place them over an ant-bed.'

"But what would the antivivisectionists say?

"This ant has other excellent qualities. It is said to destroy bedbugs as well as flies. It might be worth while trying it for

this purpose in London.

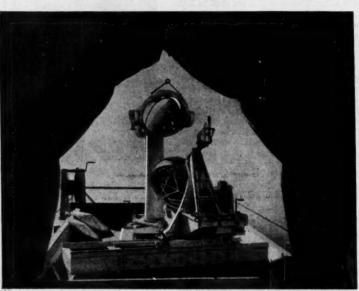
"There is one cloud on the bright horizon of fly-destruction opened up by Captain Jones's observations. Mr. Banks, the official entomologist in the Bureau of Science in Manila, doubts whe her the particular species of ant which takes this field of hygienic industry for its province is found in the United States; indeed, it does not seem to be yet classified. Captain Jones. who is evidently a practical man, has considered the expediency of introducing the Philippine ant into countries where flies are recognized as enemies to health. He thinks that further study of the insect's habits is needed before it is indiscriminately let loose everywhere on flies, for, besides its qualifications as a scavenger and as a destroyer of flies, it may have undesirable propensities, such as an inclination to consume wood and other valuable articles. We must therefore, it would seem, before calling this ant to our assistance, take heed lest we suffer the fate which has often overtaken nations which called in foreign assistance in time of invasion.

NEW IDEAS IN ASTRONOMY

N THE summit of Mount Wilson, near Pasadena, Cal., over 6,000 feet above sea-level, is grouped a collection of costly astronomical instruments that would doubtless have been called "freaks" a few years ago. Strange as they are, they represent the latest word in astronomical construction—a breaking loose from the traditions of many years. Here we see telescopes whose tubes are horizontal and fixt, the sun's image being reflected in by a moving mirror; a telescope with no tube at all, its place being taken by a lofty steel tower of

skeleton framework: and complicated spectroscopic apparatus mounted in chambers far underground. The photographic plate here has largely taken the place of the observer's eye. This observatory, which is entirely for the study of the sun, is maintained by the Carnegie Institution of Washington under the superintendence of Prof. George E. Hale, one of the most eminent of American astronomers.

Here, in August last, met the fourth International Congress for Solar Research, to attend which forty of the world's greatest students of the sun



THE REFLECTING MIRRORS OF THE SNOW TELESCOPE

That catch the sun's rays and project them 95 feet to another mirror, which casts a 7-inch image of the sun, to be studied and photographed, on still another mirror 59 feet distant.

climbed above the clouds, and were rewarded by the sight of a most singular and successful battery of instruments. What foreign experts think of this characteristically American scientific plant may be seen from what Mr. C. Renaudot writes of the Congress in *La Nature* (Paris, September 3):

"The plan of the observatory is conceived in an essentially practical way; there is no architectural or decorative luxury, but good instruments, made with all the perfection possible to modern optics.

One of the chief of these is the Snow telescope . . . which is composed of a coelostat formed of two plane mirrors 21/2 feet and 2 feet in diameter, installed on a platform at the extremity of the building that covers the telescope. The first of these, which is so mounted that the plane of its silvered surface is exactly parallel to the earth's axis and moved by clockwork, reflects the sun's rays upon the second mirror. By the action of these reflectors, the light-rays are directed to a concave mirror 2 feet in diameter, placed at a distance of 95 feet to the north of the coelostat in a building of steel, protected from temperature variations and from all exterior perturbative influences. This mirror, in turn, projects the sun's rays to a point 59 feet away, where an image of the sun 7 inches in diameter is formed. By inclining the concave mirror at right angles this image is thrown on the slit of a spectrograph or of a large spectroheliograph.

"In the course of the last year, 1,180 photographs of the sun were taken with the spectroheliograph. The examination of these shows that the clouds or floculi of hydrogen in the chromosphere . . . vary so swiftly in form that photographs taken at intervals of eight to ten hours are of no use in the study of the sun's rotation. These changes may be followed in detail on photographs taken at intervals of one minute.

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"Another large telescope, five feet in diameter, very different from the preceding, . . . has been in service since December 13, 1908. According to circumstances, it may be used (1) as a Newtonian telescope of 25 feet focal length for direct photography or for spectroscopy . . . ; (2) as a Cassegrain telescope of 100 feet focal length, also for direct photography; (3) as a Cassegrain telescope of 80 feet focal length for spectroscopic research with a large spectrograph attached to the lower end; (4) as an elbowed Cassegrain for spectroscopic observations, with a very large spectroscope mounted on columns in an underground chamber at constant temperature. . . Six different mirrors correspond to these various uses."

But the most interesting piece of apparatus to Mr. Renaudot was another huge solar telescope of novel design, testifying even more strongly to the skill of the American astronomer in devising instruments to meet the exacting demands of modern scientific investigation. This he describes as follows:

"The most curious apparatus of the Mount Wilson Observatory is surely the towertelescope, in which the traditional metallic tube serving as a mount is replaced by a light steel tower, vertical and immovable, which rises 65 feet into the air. A mirror 17 inches in diameter, mounted as a coelostat on the plat-

form at the top, carried on rails so that it may move north and south, and actuated by clockwork which causes it to follow the apparent path of the sun, reflects the rays of light to a second mirror of elliptical shape, which sends back the light vertically through a lens of 60 feet focal length, directed toward the zenith. The image of the sun, so formed at a point about five feet above the ground-level, falls on the slit of a spectrograph, passing through which the rays reach another lens placed in an underground chamber 30 feet beneath the lower and encounter a Rowland grating immediately below. Finally, the light traverses an object-glass which forms the image of the spectrum at the focus of the spectrograph, where it is photographed.

"The advantages presented by this new kind of vertical fixt telescope are, it would appear, so considerable that the Carnegie Institution is now engaged in the erection of a second similar one, still more colossal, whose steel tower, measuring about 165 feet in height, will be totally enclosed in a second tower, which

protects it from the wind and assures it absolute stability.

"The summit, which an elevator will lead, will be covered with a dome, which will shelter the cœlostat and other parts of the apparatus. The combined spectrograph and spectroheliograph. of 75 feet focal length, will be set up in an underground chamber 78 feet deep, so that the whole structure will be not less than 240 feet high!

"This wonderful installation will be completed by a gigantic reflector 8 feet 4 inches in diameter and 2 feet thick, with 50 feet focal length, the gift of Mr J. D. Hooker, who has already given more than \$45,000 for the realization of this monster mirror."



PROF. GEORGE E. HALE,
Director of the observatory on Mt.
Wilson, California, maintained by the
Carnegie Institution solely for the study
of the sun.

THAN OIL?

IS ELECTRICITY CHEAPER

HILE this may seem an idle question to those who have always regarded electricity as an expensive luxury, yet a good case for an affirmative answer is made out by *Popular Electricity* (Chicago, October) by calculating the cost on a basis of candle-power and taking into account effective distribution. Says this paper:

"Do you remember grandmother's kindly dictum? 'Better light the oil lamp, dear. It is cheaper.' There was reason for it, coming in the bygone years when everything electrical was much dearer than now and when even rough figuring showed that lighting by oil lamps was cheaper than by incandescents. Since that time the cost of current has steadily decreased, but thanks to the Standard Oil Company the price of oil has also gone down, so how do the two compare now?

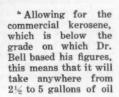
"In grandmother's day the comparison was merely as to the amount of light obtained at the lamp at the same cost, for the use of reflecting and diffusing mediums was then practically unknown. To-day all logical comparisons must be as to the effective lighting on tables, counters, desks, or in show-windows;

in other words, what comparative illumination can be obtained from each illuminant for the same money?

"Theoretically, according to one of our leading authorities on illumination, Dr. Louis Bell, a gallon of the highest grade of kerosene burned in the most improved type of lamp will give 800 candle hours, which means that it will supply a 20 candle-power lamp for 40 hours. To obtain the same 20 candle-power in a tungsten lamp (requiring 25 watts) for the 40 hours would take 40 times 25 watt-hours, or just a kilowatt hour. Therefore a gallon of the best kerosene can give theoretically as much light as a kilowatt-hour of current. In practise the common grades of oil fall from 10 to 30 per cent. shy of the best grade, so that it will take about 1½ gallons of oil to equal a kilowatt-hour of current in the light obtained at the lamp."

But when it comes to effective light at the places where it is needed, the writer goes on to say, a 20-candle oil lamp is by no means equal to a 20-candle-power incandescent. The large oil

reservoir and chimney are always in the way, and interfere with the effective use of reflectors. On the other hand, tungsten lamps may be used in any position, and by reflectors the useful illumination may easily be twice that from oil lamps of the same candle-power. In some classes of work such as show-window lighting, the proportion is as high as four to one. We read further:





THE TUBELESS TOWER-TELESCOPE.

Rising 65 feet into the air, with mirrors at the top which throw the light upon a lens in an underground chamber 30 feet below the surface.

to give the same illumination as a kilowatt-hour of current. Thus at Chicago, where kerosene retails at 13 cents per gallon, oil lamps would be effectively as cheap as the incandescents if the current for different classes of indoor lighting costs from 32½ to 65 cents per kilowatt-hour, or an average of perhaps 40 cents. As a matter of fact it costs less than a third of this rate, so that even the much less efficient carbon filament lamps figure out cheaper in service than kerosene lamps.

"Besides, the incandescent lamps can be instantly turned on and off, thus saving wasteful times of burning, and they do not have the other annoying features of the kerosene lamp: the labor of cleaning and filling lamps, the difficulty of keeping them from smoking if exposed to drafts, the fire risk in lighting them, the vitiation of the air both by the smell or fumes and by consuming oxygen, or the much greater radiation of heat (for what is the ordinary oil stove but an overgrown kerosene lamp?). If the lighting costs were equal, these objections would count seriously against the kerosene lamp, but with our modern high-efficiency incandescent lamps we have so far outstript the oil in economy of operation that we can simply disregard its handicaps and look upon it merely as an interesting, but now outgrown factor in the historical development of illuminants."

"NEWSPAPER SCIENCE"

SEVERE criticism of the methods of the daily press in handling medical news is made as a leading editorial by The Interstate Medical Journal (St. Louis). The same criticism has been made with regard to the treatment of other sciences. Medical news, we are told, is usually inaccurate, unintelligible, and handled by persons ignorant of the subjectmatter. Says the writer:

"Powerful as is the influence of newspapers on the thought and evolution of a people, serious attention should be given to the careless way in which medical items are handled. physician can recall countless cases when his patients or friends have consulted him as to the accuracy of newspaper reports of medical news. We learn of can er cures galore, to which the names of eminent scientists are appended in the same free manner as the names of the socially prominent are attached to the list of those present at certain functions; we read with grim delight the unconscious humor of most of the attempts of the lay press to enlighten their readers on the progress of medical science. Yet no criticism can be made of the object of these attempts. The lay world is rightly interested in medicine, and the greater this interest, the better chance has preventive medicine of carrying out its policies of improvement to the general health; consequently there should be means of dissemination of medical knowledge to the public, and no vehicle can carry this burden so well or so thoroughly as the daily newspapers. But in questions involving medical news, either of a purely scientific nature, or of more general worldly interest, the truth must be handled without gloves; half a truth is quite unpardonable, and an exaggerated or misinterpreted statement is too misleading to be other than harmful.

"We grant then; that medical news should be distributed by the daily papers, yet we criticize severely the methods of the papers in handling such news. It stands against reason that a person unacquainted with medical literature can be equipped to write articles on medical subjects that shall truthfully give the news the article wishes to convey; . . . Medical material must be written, or supervised, by a inedical man, and if our criticism so far has been destructive, we offer a constructive conception of cooperation between the papers and the pro-Whether it be possible for a newspaper to include on its staff a medical editor, either consulting or active, we can not say, but if such a person on the staff were made responsible for the accuracy of all medical items, the paper would subserve its function of purveyor of news in a manner decidedly to its own advantage, and to the better interest of the public. In addition to this arrangement, medical articles on timely topics could be furnished the dailies by the local medical societies, among whose members surely some one can be found gifted with the art of writing naturally, unintelligible matter in an interesting manner. Perhaps no better reference to the value of this arrangement can be made than by recalling Dr. Woods Hutchinson's articles, the material of which is always good, and the style unusually pointed.'

HARM DONE BY DAZZLING LIGHT

It is coming to be recognized that dazzling sources of light are more than merely annoying—they are injurious to the eyesight, and lead to blindness. All light should be diffused before it reaches the eye, which should never gaze directly at a small, brilliant source like an incandescent filament. Says an editorial writer in *The Illuminating Engineer* (New York, October):

"The wonder is that the nuisance has been tolerated in this country so long. In Europe they do some things much better, and street lighting is one of them; the atrocity of the unshaded are was never tolerated there.

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*The automobile has introduced a new factor in street traffic, and, as it has not only come to stay but is unquestionably bound to increase rapidly for many years to come, a consideration of the necessities of automobile traffic is an important factor in all considerations pertaining to streets and highways. A case was recently reported where an automobile had a rearend collision with a wagon ahead, throwing the driver some 75 feet to his death, the chauffeur claiming that he could not see ahead of him on account of being blinded by an electric lamp. Of course, the chauffeur should have recognized the fact that he could not see beyond this dazzling light source, and kept his speed down to a safe rate; but the fact remains, nevertheless, that the dazzling light was responsible for the accident.

"Another accident in the same city, and occurring at nearly the same time, also cost a life. A trolley-car passing one of the parks ran over a pedestrian who happened to be crossing in the shadow of a tree, the motorman's eyes being so dazzled by the bright spot of illumination immediately in front of him that he could not discern objects in the shadow ahead.

"The time has now come when unshaded or bare light-sources should not be tolerated, even in exterior illumination. It has been shown time and again that, so far as actual vision is concerned, there is a decided gain by equipping a light-source with a diffusing globe, or otherwise hiding its direct rays from the eye. Simply because there may be some additional expense in maintaining the necessary diffusing or shading apparatus, and that there is actually some absorption of light, is no longer a sufficient excuse for the dangerous annoyance of unshaded light-sources."

In a general way, the writer goes on, it has been known for a long time that the loss of light occasioned by diffusing globes is far more than compensated for by the increase in physiological effect. This important point has now been scientifically investigated, and the writer tells us that the results will astonish even those who have been familiar with the general effect. In other words, the loss of visual perception occasioned by glare is far greater than has been suspected. To quote further:

"A great deal of legislation has been proposed and many legal regulations enacted governing automobile traffic. Streets and highways are made for the use of the people, with whatever means of locomotion may be most convenient and practical; and, while such regulations for different sorts of traffic are necessary in order to protect the rights of all, the people engaged in such traffic have a perfect right to demand that the streets and highways themselves shall be equipped in the best possible manner for their use.

"Some clever official in a Western city conceived a brilliant and simple plan for preventing automobiles from speeding in its suburban streets. He constructed transverse raised ridges across the streets at frequent intervals, like those on country roads known as 'thank-you-ma'ams.' If these were run over at what was considered undue speed, the jar on the automobile would be such as to induce the driver to keep his speed down to the desired rate. The injuring of a machine by this device was the occasion of a suit brought against the city for damages, with a verdict for the plaintiff. As a result the street was at once leveled to its original condition, which illustrates the point that we are making—namely, that the streets are made for use by everybody, and those who use them have a right to demand every condition of safety and convenience that it is practicable to provide

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"Before leaving this subject, however, a word as to the nuisance of the average automobile headlights will not be amiss.

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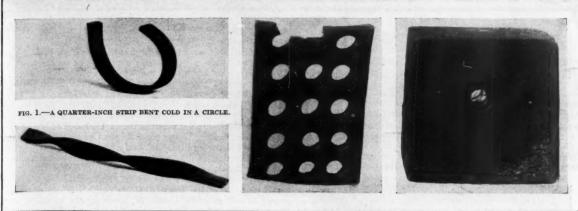
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FIG. 2.—SAME MATERIAL TWISTED COLD.

FIG. 3.—HOLES PUNCHED THROUGH A PIECE HALF AN INCH THICK.

FIG. 4.—A BLOCK OF CONVERTED STEEL WITH A HOLE DRILLED THROUGH IT.

SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF "CONVERTED STEEL"

These are generally search-lights of no mean proportions, and to look one in the face is to dazzle the eyes to practical blindness so far as vision at the time is concerned. The fault is the more inexcusable because it is unnecessary. It would be a very simple matter to construct the head-lights so that they would throw their light on the pavement or roadway equally well without throwing it up where it would strike the eyes of others using the highway."

A NEW MATERIAL-CONVERTED STEEL

NEW iron alloy called "converted steel" has recently been placed on the market and is said to have many valuable qualities, tho it may be produced at about the same price as ordinary malleable iron. A writer in *The Iron Age* (New York, September 22) tells us that the details of the manufacture of this metal are withheld and that the material used in the mixture and the process of annealing are kept secret.

The mixture, of which charcoal pig-iron is the chief ingredient, is melted in an air furnace, and the most important part of the manufacture, the annealing, is done in a muffle furnace, differing radically from the annealing process used by malleable-iron foundries. It is much shorter, taking but three days. He goes

"The properties of this metal resemble very closely the openhearth steel casting, the tensile strength being from 10,000 to 20,000 pounds in excess of malleable iron. The elongation, however, will greatly exceed that of either the malleable iron or the average steel casting. This metal being soft is very easily machined. It is claimed to be uniform all through, containing no hard spots, such as are usually found in the larger sections of malleable iron, and does not contain blowholes so prevalent in cast steel. Any defect in converted steel will show on the surface, so there is not a large labor loss by encountering blowholes when machine work is nearly completed.

"The segregation in this metal, it is said, does not affect the casting as in cast steel, and castings with sharp corners and deep pockets can be made perfect as a solid piece, thereby making these points as strong as any other part of the casting. Castings can be made from this metal weighing up to 1,200 pounds and of up to 6-inch section. Owing to the short annealing process, deliveries can be made within one week from receipt of patterns.

That the metal is extremely tough can be seen by the illustrations. Fig. 1 shows a ½-inch piece bent cold in a circle, Fig. 2 shows a piece of the same size twisted cold, Fig. 3 shows a piece of ½-inch metal with several 56-inch holes punched through it cold, and Fig. 4 shows a piece of this metal 5 inches square with a ¾-inch hole drilled through it. From the above it can be readily seen that this material can be used for any

purpose for which malleable or cast steel is at present used, and it is also to some extent superseding the use of drop forgings."

TO PUT THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE

NE OF the most pressing problems of industrial education is the placing of the finished product. The world is full of square pegs in round holes and the reverse—lawyers who should have been mechanics and mechanics who would make better farmers. No complete recipe for mending this state of things is at hand, but there is no doubt that our schools might do more toward bettering it than they are doing. Says a writer in *The American Machinist* (New York, September 15):

"Teachers have an excellent opportunity to watch the natural tendencies and capacities of scholars. And the it is not distinctly their province to do so, they can do much toward helping young men in the selection of a suitable vocation. And this is largely the difference between good work and inefficiency.

"We have a case in mind where a boy was struggling with mechanics in a night-school and making very little progress. The teacher sized up the situation, knew of a good opportunity to learn to be a cook on board a steamer, and the boy took up the suggestion. He made a good cook and is earning better pay than he ever would as a machinist.

"If we could weed out the men who are working as machinists but who would make better carpenters, barbers, coachmen, or engineers, and be happier doing it, the efficiency of the trade, as a whole, would be increased. But unless we replenished the supply with misfits in other trades, who ought to have been machinists, our supply of men would run short.

"We talk much about the efficiency of the men in a shop as a whole, but this depends on the efficiency of the individual. This in turn depends on whether he is fitted for the work and likes it, or whether he runs a planer because he had to find something and that was the first job that came handy.

"We must not expect perfect men. If we did, most of us would be out of a job. But we can come nearer the goal of increasing efficiency by using as much care as possible in helping the boy get started in the line of work that interests him. Altho he may not realize it, it takes a big difference in salary to make up for an uncongenial occupation, and even then there is a lurking feeling of unhappiness that some never get over.

"Teachers, parents, and employers will do well to try to find out what work interests a boy and to refrain from trying to make him follow certain lines against his will. It is better to be a good chauffeur than a poor lawyer, or to be a really good farmer than a third-rate tool-maker. And it is a business proposition to every one concerned, for when a man likes his work, he does it better and gets more out of life generally."

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

FATHER VAUGHAN IN NEW YORK

ATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN, of London, continues to express his belief in the decay of Protestantism. Following upon his recent utterances along this line in Montreal during the sessions of the Eucharistic Congress, he preaches at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, in initiating the services attendant upon the consecration of that edifice. Father Vaughan begins very astutely by citing a Protestant Episcopal bishop on Protestantism's decay, remarking that the bishop goes beyond anything he ever said in that direction.



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FATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN,

Who takes an American Protestant bishop for his authority that Protestantism is "dying after 300 years of senile decay."

Despite this, his observations have not been allowed to pass without Protestant protest, and, in short, the English priest who stirred all London by his attacks upon the follies of the "smart set" in his sermons at his Farm Street church, is not departing from our shores without something of the same sensational success. The daily press quote his sermons and addresses in large part; that which contained his references to "Protestant decay." runs as follows:

"A month ago, in Canada, I spoke of those churches outside the Catholic Church as wanting life and energy, and the whole of Protestant Canada rose up to tear to pieces, not my argument, but my own wretched self. It did not interest me; but what does interest me is what I read in the paper this morning. The Protestant Bishop Sellew, of Jamestown, N. Y., what does he say? He says that the spirit of Protestantism is in decay. He tells us, if he is reported fairly, that it is an expiring religion; and he seems almost to invite us to give it a respectable funeral.

"I never ventured to say as much as the Protestant bishop has said. With some hesitancy I suggested that a little life was needed; and he comes forth and proclaims from the housetop that the religion of which he is bishop is dying after 300 years of senile decay.

"My brethren, we have to be manly. We have to face these things and not be afraid of one another, but to say the thing that is straight, and to go the way that is straight, and furiously to uphold the thing that is straight. I am proud of Bishop Sellew for striking his note of warning; for if in the alarm bell there is a note in its vibrating air that men, hearing it, may look to their spiritual whereabouts, and whether they belong to the Church or whether they are outside of the Church, or whether they are in the porch of the Church; that they may look to see if their religion is vital and vitalizing energy; if it is an entity that is making for life or a microbe fastening on them for death.

"My beloved brothers and sisters, redeemed with me by the precious blood of the Son of God, we can not afford to compromise, to minimize, to temporize, when we are speaking about the things for which Jesus Christ fought, and bled, and died.

"It is well for those who are yet on the pilgrimage of life to look at the parting of the ways and to read the sign-posts telling which is the way to Catholicism and which the road to agnosticism. Brethren, get your route ticket for the up line; leave the down line alone. Take care that at the close of the journey of life you slow into the right terminus, for there is no returning."

The Presbyterian Ministers' Association, convening on the day following Father Vaughan's sermon, passed the following resolution, made public by its secretary, Rev. Lewis W. Barney:

"Resolved, That this association repudiates the statement quoted by the Rev. Father Vaughan in this city, to the effect that Protestantism in America is dying, and combats his assertion that Catholicism is the only hope of the American Republic.

"In an hour when we desire the fullest cordiality of Catholics and Protestants toward each other, we would merely mention Father Vaughan's utter unfamiliarity with American conditions—being a foreigner and having arrived here but two days ago—and we would cite as samples of Roman-Catholic influence in elevating countries where that Church has long had absolute domination, the conditions in Spain and France, and South American nations, and in Italy, until Mazzini and Victor Immanuel secured civil liberty and ushered in the modern and better Italy by fighting and triumphing over the papal power.

"Our nation was born a Protestant nation, several of the original thirteen colonies being exclusively Protestant, and has attained its present high place as a Protestant nation, and until the Roman Church can cite some nation that has arisen under Catholicism as rapidly and gloriously as ours, Father Vaughan's pronunciamento needs no refutation."

Father Vaughan's opportunity for rebuttal came at the occasion of a lecture he delivered in Brooklyn on "Joan of Arc." His reported words were these:

"I have been excommunicated by the Presbyterian Ministers' Association of Greater New York. They say I gave out a pronunciamento about the United States, altho I have been only two days here. And before they began their excommunication of me they give out a pronunciamento about Spain and the countries of South America in which hardly one of them ever spent two hours. Again they condemn me as unfit to speak about Protestantism in the United States, because I arrived only a few days ago, and they let Bishop Sellew escape—the Protestant bishop whom I quoted and who, if I am rightly informed, arrived here not two days, or two years, but twenty years ago.

"But what is more important than all this, when I spoke about Protestantism being in decay I was speaking of Protestantism as a spiritual power—as a power capable of building up a spiritually, supernaturally-minded people, as a power capable of erecting a temple to God in the human soul. But the ministers say to me: 'Look at this great and glorious Republic. Have you seen its skyscrapers, its railroads, its bridges, its halls of commerce?'

"But I reply: 'Gentlemen, what proof is there in all this—that Protestantism is a living spiritual power?' Why, the deader it is as a spiritual power the more likely are all these material things to be accomplished. The deader it is the more awake are human ambitions and human energies and human

passions to go forward in the lines of material progress and to build mansions here on earth and make them scoff at mansions

in heaven.

"The Presbyterian ministers fling down a challenge to me and ask me to show them a nation that Catholicism has built up commercially. That is not the question. Christ did not found his Church to be a chamber of commerce or an exchange in Wall Street. He drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple. But let me send a challenge to the ministers' association. I say to them: 'Show me a nation that Protestantism has built up spiritually, a nation where Protestantism has developed reverence for authority, where it has kept down the number of divorces and racial suicide.' When the Presbyterian ministers show me that Protestantism in the United States is a vital force in combating these evils and in building up respect and reverence for law and authority, I will take back what I said and I will ask Bishop Sellew to do the same.

"But before I take leave of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association and go back to my own country, where with my own eyes I can daily witness Protestantism, let me tell the association that there was a time when Italy, France, and Spain were great and prosperous nations and when the South American Republics, if not great, were at least happy nations, and this was at a time that in those countries the Catholic Church was free."

NO METHODIST DISTRESS IN IOWA

ISHOP HAMILTON, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is amused by a recent press dispatch sent out from Iowa to the effect that fifty-seven clergymen had resigned from the Upper Iowa Methodist Conference because they found they could not live on their salaries. He thinks the man who wrote the dispatch confused his religious column with a pickle advertisement. It seems that Bishop Hamilton presided over this particular conference, so he was in a pretty good position to know what happened, and he remarks: "Our preachers never get more than they deserve, but that men in this wealthy State of Iowa are quitting the ministry because they do not find enough to eat is a 'Boston notion.'" As the Bishop preached in Boston many years in his younger days, he is no doubt familiar with the notions he speaks of. The only basis he finds for the dispatch is the fact that there were more preachers than churches, so that many could not find places and were loaned to other denominations, a state of things just the contrary of what the dispatch would indicate. In a breezy and optimistic letter to Zion's Herald (Methodist, Boston) the Bishop writes:

"It has been said in my hearing many times when visiting Iowa, that there are as many Methodists in Iowa as there are communicants in all the other denominations taken together. I know that nearly one-twentieth of all the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church over the world are to be found in Iowa, and notwithstanding the nearly 'standstill' of the population because of Westward emigration, there is a gain in the State, after removals and deaths, of nearly a thousand members during the last year. There are nearly three thousand students in Methodist colleges.

"There are more than one thousand Methodist preachers in the four annual conferences. When this conference adjourns I will have appointed nearly five hundred preachers to charges in the two conferences that I will have then held in the State-

"In the Des Moines Conference I found more preachers than there were churches, and I had to bring a half-dozen of them away with me in the hope of finding appointments for them in this conference. I found nearly or quite a dozen new men on the ground when I arrived here, seeking admission to this Upper Iowa Conference, and I shall not be able to find a single vacancy for one of the men who came with me; and this after we have consented to supply three or four of the other denominations which have sent to me in the two conferences for men to 'fill their vacant pulpits."....

"The advertisement this 'bit of news' has given this conference has brought me enough applicants who wish to come to this 'poverty-stricken territory' and take the vacant places, to supply all the Methodist churches in Boston. I am appointing a number of young men who have graduated in the Boston School of Theology. I have yet to hear of one who is a 'quitter.'"

It still remains a fact, however, that clerical salaries are as a rule far below the mark thought worthy of this high calling. Testimony is borne to this by several Church papers, inspired by the Iowa press dispatch, which seems to have reflected conditions pretty much everywhere except in the spot it aimed to describe. The Christian Guardian (Toronto), for example, observes:

"A news dispatch, for the reliability of which we would not care to vouch, tells us that some fifty-seven Methodist preachers in one conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church have resigned, or are about to resign, on the plea that they can not live upon the salaries they receive. We do not know anything about the truthfulness of this story, but we do know that in all too many of our Canadian Methodist parsonages our preachers are



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altogether too near to the line where the expenditure exceeds the income. In such a case, what is an honest man to do?

"Most of our preachers have entered the ministry, as they believe, at the call of God. With them, as with St. Paul, it has been, 'Wo is me, if I preach not the gospel,' and in face of great discouragement, and in spite of all the lure of more profitable occupations, they have refused to quit the field in which they believe they have been placed by the divine Master himself. And in this belief they have been willing to endure hardness, they have been willing to wear poorer clothes and buy fewer books, humbly deeming that the Lord had called them to this very thing.

"And if they were now ministering to poor men, who could not afford to adequately support the gospel, or if they were toiling in a field where there were few Christians, and where the withdrawal of the minister would practically mean the wiping out of the church, the case would be vastly different.

"But when a man is ministering to a people, the majority of whom have more of this world's goods than he, and some of them vastly more; and when he knows that there are some hundreds of members, and among them perhaps a score who are well fitted by nature and grace to keep the church alive, and when he finds himself on such a field, unable to meet the proper claims upon him without going into debt, is it any wonder if he asks himself whether God really intends him to abide in such a calling?"

"MISERIFIC" CHURCH MUSIC

THE INVENTOR of the term "miserific" as applied to church music describes himself as "a musicianly minister." One scarcely goes astray in the meaning of his word, tho he provides against such a possibility by explaining that he means music "that produces misery in those who hear it." And that quality in church music which is described as the "tremolo" is declared the worst affliction of any which contributes to the discomfort of worshipers. This minister, who probably numbers himself among the sufferers, thinks to assist in banishing the bad habit, by telling how it originated "in senility." This he does, in *The Westminster* (Philadelphia), by quoting the authority of the great French singing master, Manuel Garcia, who regarded it "an abomination." The story is this:

"There was at one time an eminent vocalist worshiped by the Parisian public. His voice was beautiful in quality, faultless in intonation, and absolutely steady in emission. At last, however, he began to grow old. With increasing years the voice commenced to shake. But he was a great artist. Realizing that the tremolo was a fault, but one which could not then be avoided, he brought his mind to bear upon the problem before him. As a result, he adopted a style of song in which he had to display an intense emotion throughout. Since in life the voice trembles at such moments, he was able to hide his failing in this way by a quality of voice which appeared natural to the situation. The Parisians did not grasp the workings of his brain and the clever way in which he had hidden his fault. They only heard that in every song he sang his voice trembled. At once, therefore, they concluded that if so fine an effect could be obtained, it was evidently something to be imitated. Hence the singers deliberately began to cultivate the tremolo. The custom grew and grew until it became almost a canon of French singing.

The writer proceeds with some observations, scientific and reminiscent, which state most of the case for and against this vocal eccentricity:

"The tremolo in an organ is pleasing and effective if there be not too much of it—which there often is. It is produced, not by steady air pressure, but by interrupted air pressure, or air waves passing from the bellows through the pipes. The sounds, however, are always 'on the key.' But the human bellows, the lungs, have not the mechanism to produce such air waves. Vocal tremolo is produced by muscular or nervous action, or both, in the larynx, shortening and lengthening the vocal cords, which change in length involves a constant change of key

"Yet it must be confest that in solo singing, where the sentiment of hymn or song seems to call for it, a slight trembling of voice, as expressive of emotion, is impressive and pleasing; but where it is done merely mechanically, in cold blood, and almost constantly, as is often now the case, it is far, very far, otherwise. But when a tremolo quartet gets in its work, each singer by a separate and constant change of key contributing to a conglomerate quadruplex discord—ah! that produces misery! Its effect upon one with aural delicacy is enough to cover this whole page with horrific exclamation-points.

"Some one has characterized tremolo singers as distressingly afflicted with ataxia of the vocal cords; another, as having a 'loose valve in the throat'; another, as belonging to 'the ague squad.'

"A recent visitor at *The Westminster* 'Open Hearth' expresses the feeling of not a few when he says: 'I was present at the church funeral of a good millionaire. They had a "crack" quartet and all four had the "wobbles"; and as they could not wobble in unison they wobbled independently. At no moment, after initial tones, were they all on the one key, and at every moment some of them were off the key. It was hair-raising; but it was a very Eiffel Tower of "high art," I suppose. I verily believe if I had been in that casket I would have been uncontrollably tempted to get out and throw at the singers something harder than the flowers on the coffin. Oh, it was just awful. And that kind of music is rendered, or rended, every Sunday, and more.'"

With the tremolo style of singing "goes a mal-enunciation of words that renders them unintelligible." Some one has phrased it, "inarticulate smudges of sound." More:

"St. Paul says, 'In the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue'; and he puts singing with the spirit and the understanding in the same category with praying with the spirit and the understanding. Song words should be understandable no less than prayer words. Some one has recorded a singer's 'Ye tnightly pit tchmy moving ten ta da ysmar chneare rome,' as a rendering of Montgomery's 'Yet nightly pitch my moving tent a day's march nearer home!'

"How much of solo and quartet—less of chorus—singing is in an unknown tongue! Singing evangelists—like Bliss, McGranahan, Sankey, Alexander, and others—have been such powerful coadjutors of the evangelistic preacher because of their musical elocution, the sentiments they have sung being comprehended as well as tho the words had been simply spoken, utterance being reenforced with the power of melody. And why should it not be so in all church singing?

"Recently hearing what is reputed to be the best quartet (tremolo) in a great city, scarcely could be discerned a word as belonging to the English language; and when the vigorous anthem was ended, there came to mind a scene in the experience of St. Paul at Ephesus: 'And when the uproar was ceased,' and also a couplet from Holmes's 'The Music-Grinders';

And silence, like a poultice came To heal the blows of sound.

"Such an auricular assault made me miserable."

TEACHING CHILDREN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Testament history, the teacher need not worry himself and them by trying to make everything fit squarely with modern historical criticism. So speaks Sir Oliver Lodge in a little work named "Parent and Child," which is a treatise on the moral and religious education of children. In cases where historic verity is not of the essence of the matter, like incidents in the lives of Noah, Daniel, and Job, it is better, he thinks, that they be presented as history. If for a time children "take unquestioningly as history narratives which belong to a different category, no harm is done." The youth of the race doubtless did the same, and Professor Lodge thinks that "evolutionally children should in such matters go through the phases of the past, and their course need not be hurried." He writes:

"To confuse them with rationalistic interpretation and criticism, to superpose modern explanatory conceptions on the plain tale of a mythology, at least to insist on such explanations prematurely, may be iconoclastic and rather stupid. There is plenty of the only truth of value in ancient and long-surviving legends—else they would not have survived.

"The histories of the Creation and the Fall of Man, properly understood, are legends of profound truth-truth to human nature—and it is only a shallow sciolism that has tried to place them in the region of things that must be questioned. Works of art are not to be scrutinized in terms of a rigid literalness; in these matters it is preeminently true that the letter killeth, the spirit giveth life. The whole truth in such matters is far beyond us, even yet. We are still developing, still only in the morning of the times. Read in the light of evolution, and with a developed historical sense, the literature of the growth of humanity toward a worthy conception of Deity-a conception always growing but still infinitely and forever below realitythe record of its early struggles and mistakes and well-meant gropings after truth, especially the history of the religious development of that people whose instinct for religion blossomed and bore fruit even in the darkest ages of mankind, is full of interest and instruction. Read as an infallible theological treatise concerning the varying ways of God to man-it is confusing, puzzling, and immoral. Read as a history of the developing response of man to God-its misconceptions are pathetic, its inspirations are sublime. Here we have utterances of the wise and illuminated among mankind, embedded in a most human document, and preserved for us in splendid language by the devoted labors of scholars of many periods; a rich inheritance which we owe to the loving care of our fathers, and which it is our duty to hand down to our children as a birthright of which no trivial bickerings, no sectarian differences and illiteracy, should be allowed to deprive them.'

LETTERS AND ART

MAETERLINCK'S "BLUEBIRD"

Paris to St. Petersburg, from thence to London, has now alighted in New York. It sprung from the brain of Maurice Maeterlinck, but did not pause to show itself to the French people—perhaps because people of Southern climes take less kindly to fantasy than those of more Northern countries. By this token the play should succeed at the New Theater, where it forms the first offering of the second dra-

matic season. At St. Petersburg its success is said to have been enormous and not less than thirty-nine companies are now playing it in Russia; in London it ran six months. With our own critics it is apparently succeeding according to their personal temperaments and previous degrees of "reading up" in the French and English versions of Maeterlinck's drama, which have long been published. The same sort of make-believe spirit is called upon as happens with "Peter Pan" and other fairy plays, and critics in such instances are given less their own way in settling the destinies of plays than in the routine sort that fill our theaters ordinarily. The critic of the New York Evening Post remarks that "at a period when the stage is almost wholly surrendered to inane trivialities, maudlin, foolish, or indecent sentiment, mechanical melodrama, and other

forms of tiresome incompetency, the New Theater presents a work which both young and old can find rare entertainment, without fear of contamination or loss of self-respect." Here is the story in briefest form from the same writer:

"Nearly everybody knows, by this time, how Tyltyl and Mytyl, the wood-cutter's children, fell asleep and how, in their dreams, they were sent to search for the bluebird—which is the symbol of happiness-by the fairy Berylune; how they held the magic diamond which enabled them to recognize and converse with the souls of things, and how with Tylo the dog, Tylette the cat, Light, Bread, Fire, Milk, and Water for their companions, they made their memorable pilgrimage. The mere enumeration of their adventures would be tedious-while a description of them would be equivalent to a reprint of the play. In a visit to their departed grandparents they discover that the dead still live in the memory of their survivors; from Night they learn that Light (typifying intelligence) is the bitter foe and conqueror of all superstitions and diseases, and that most of the happiness, fed on moonbeams, will not bear the light of day. When they train the magic diamond upon the churchyard, they discover that the graves are empty, and that the dust of their occupants has been transmuted into flowers. In the Kingdom of the Future they hold converse with the spirits of the children yet to be born, and are told how each of them has his own appointed destiny and is subject to the irrevocable will of Life and Time. As a fruit of their general experience, they learn that happiness is everywhere, if you know how to look for it. that it may be found and lost and then recaptured, and that

it consists mainly in the application of the Golden Rule. Those who probe the Maeterlinckian philosophy too deeply will find it rather gloomy in its fatalistic spirit and its blank outlook, but most theatergoers, while under the spell of his poetic fancy, will not trouble themselves greatly on this score."

There is an assumption in nearly every account that those who do not see the play will read it. The latter will of course not be among the "stuffy people" of whom Mr. Warren, of the New York *Tribune*, speaks:

"There are some stuffy persons who will need to have the

symbolism of 'The Bluebird' explained to them; they will need to be told that Tyltyl and Mytyl typify the soul of man searching the universe for the answer to the great enigma of life; that there is soul in everything, and that possession, which man regards as the guaranty of happiness, always disappoints him; that Life isn't at all what we think it, nor Death; and that-but why go into all this? You don't belong to the stuffy people. Besides, you can read Maeterlinck's 'Bluebird.'"

As a production this achievement of the New Theater receives mingled praise and blame. At any other place it would be thought most notable, but at this house high standards are set and higher accomplishment demanded.

And, besides, it had shown last year what could be done with a Maeterlinck play in its production of "Sister Beatrice." The Sun critic was not greatly disappointed, however, as this shows:



MYTYL, TYLTYL AND THE FAIRY BERYLUNE

The two children who were sent by the old fairy wife in search of the bluebird.

A scene in Maeterlinck's play at the New Theater.

"This allegory was a continuous delight to the eye. In the colors selected in the designs of the scenery and, save in the very painted field of lilies in the graveyard, there had been complete accomplishment of what the producers had aimed at. In the acting there was the same degree of successful achievement of ideals that had been set very high. So the visual features of the performers lacked no element that could have improved them. But to the ear there was no such opportunity for pleasure. It would of course take a poet almost as great as Maeterlinck to transfer the beauty of his speeches to the English text. It was quite unpoetic. There was never a suggestion of anything beyond the commonplace in a line that was recited. Simplicity is one thing, and in translating Maeterlinck it is a very important element of justice to the original. But it is not necessary to be commonplace as well, or at all events commonplace all the time. The beautiful optimism of the scene in the graveyard could not be damaged by any speech and there was equal charm in the simplicity of the visit to the grandparents in which they all spoke the childish idiom that they might have used in life. Maeterlinck's irresistible blend of wisdom, tenderness, and fancy was never more adroitly presented than in the conversations between the characters in the piece. it is sublimated fairy-tale and that two hours and a half of any kind of fairy-tale offer their difficulties at this time can not be denied. And that something more like the beauty of the original verse would be a mighty assistance to 'The Bluebird' can not be denied. Yet the play exercised a potent charm over the audience last night that seemed at times rather astonished that it was sitting in a theater, absorbed in nearly all of the

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beautifully presented scenes that it witnessed, yet not feeling a trace of drama to quicken the pulse or cause any emotion beyond a certain pathos and fascination in the poetic fancies of the man who had put so much wisdom and philosophy into such very simple figure's."

MRS. ATHERTON'S TONIC FOR YOUNG WRITERS

A SUBSTITUTE for the early pension, subsidy, or soft seat at the foot of the ladder of the immortals projected recently in behalf of aspiring writers, Mrs. Atherton proposes something tonic. Her advice "to any man or woman designing to enrich literature with the fruits of his or her genius" is this: "Work on a newspaper, until all your crude notions of life, and your raw 'individualities' have been blue-penciled into limbo; then retire into the obscurity and write your fiction." There are a few additional do's and don'ts that may be taken as ballast by the way. "Travel if possible.

wrote the book every time it came back, and dreamed during the intervals) if I had been on a newspaper, reporting; in other words, seeing life from the ground up. And this is the advice I would give to any young man or woman desirous of literary fame, or of mere success: get a position on a newspaper as a reporter and keep it for at least one year, preferably for two years. You will touch life at every point; see it, feel it, know it in a hundred phases, at first hand. (Don't disdain the police and the juvenile courts.) I believe that the greatest literary genius that ever lived would have been much better for such an experience, and how much more so the young aspirant, with a talent still in the bulb and a redundant style—which the ruthless city editor will prune into one direct, incisive, and compelling. No one need be afraid of losing 'individuality.' Individuality is never lost.

"If, during those years of journalism, the seething fledgling will save half his salary, he can then afford to spend a whole year in some comfortable farmhouse putting his dreams into a far better shape and with far less effort than his rival, the green recruit; who, if he has a story to tell, thinks that any medium, no matter how foggy or ill-shaped, will do. He may not be very comfortable or otherwise entertained during that year, but literature does not require any more self-denial in the

beginning than any other art, any profession, or picking one's way along the bristling road that leads to commerce or finance."

Mrs. Atherton does not believe that any potential author will starve for lack of opportunity, for she does not believe "that the man with a clever pen lives who will fail to get on a newspaper if he tries." And—

"If he does get on and fails to make good, then he is well out of the race, and can turn his attention to other methods of livelihood while still young. There is no such machine in the modern world for separating wheat from chaff as a high-class newspaper office. I am, of course, writing of embryonic story-writers and novelists, not of poets. These often have strange waste tracts in their brains, are temperaments rather than men, and need careful nursing. I could mention a number of our young poets who are practical editors as

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IN THE LAND OF MEMORY.

The children seeking the bluebird visit their grandparents in this wonderful land, where "people wake up and go about their own affairs whenever you take the trouble to think of them." "Nobody in that land knows what 'dead' means." It's only a word invented by people who are stupid and sightless

Do not marry. Do not dissipate. Do not imitate Henry James. Never read reviews of your own work. Never say die!"

All this, tho it comes somewhat late, is really in pursuit of the proposition enunciated by Mr. Upton Sinclair which we quoted some time since, which proposes to endow young authors of exceptional promise during the lean years of their novitiate. His scheme, Mrs. Atherton thinks, is worth serious consideration, not because she approves it, but because, "there being some danger of its success, every writer of experience should express a decided opinion on the subject." In a letter to The New York Times Saturday Review of Books, she writes in this vein:

"I am a firm believer myself in a hard school, in the survival of the fit. I was four years getting my first novel published, and I now know that it was not worth print and paper, being merely the usual enthusiastic product of raw talent; but at that time I thought it a great book, publishers incredibly stupid, and myself too far in advance of modern ideas to be appreciated. If you will confess any young author whose first book is going the rounds, or whose stories are being rejected by the magazines, ten to one you will listen to similar beliefs. I should have been much better employed during those four years (I re-

well, but the history of literature teaches us that a great many poets have been failures as men.

And this is the point: Mr. Sinclair's plan presupposes that authors are writers first and men afterward, which is detestable. Perhaps, being a woman, I feel more strongly on this point than a man would. I hate a man who whines, who confesses his fear of being driven to the wall, who fails. I do not believe that there is any man, in this country at least, who can not get work if he wants it; in other words, if he is not lazy or weak. Men who do not loaf and drink are wanted in every business, and nowhere more than in a newspaper office. Men are rising every day from the ranks; the incapable are being pushed closer and closer to the wall, then down into the ditch at the foot of And that is as inevitable as death itself. Given Socialism and they would go there a little later and with a hearty kick from the energetic philanthropists in front. Life, from birth to death, is a fight, and only the lazy and incompetent would have it otherwise.

"As to the general public, the American public, it may be that its average of intelligence is not very high; so, at least, we judge by the sort of novels that are 'best sellers.'... But there is another public besides the average in the United States—a highly intelligent, cultivated, traveled, sophisticated public, which is sufficiently large to give fame and a fair income to any ambitious writer capable of doing fine original work."

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PARTHIAN SHOTS AT PRERAFFAELITE POETS

CTEPHEN CRANE is reported to have said that R. L. Stevenson "put back the clock of English fiction fifty years." Mr. Ford Madox Hueffer, who tells us this, is not quite ready to join in this startling judgment, but taking a cue from its spirit, he follows up with the assertion that "the art of writing in English received the numbing blow of a sandbag when Rossetti wrote at the age of eighteen 'The Blessed Damozel.' " Both these declarations spring from the belief that the evil these men did, Stevenson and Rossetti, "was a matter of digging for obsolete words with which to express ideas forever dead and gone." Rossetti, in this instance, stands in Mr. Hueffer's mind only as a symbol for the whole Preraffaelite school, whom he treats in a very cavalier fashion in the October Harper's. Nourished in their very bosom, his grandfather being the painter Ford Madox Brown, who with Holman Hunt and Millais formed the original P.-R. B., he need not stand for the traditional viper: but he seems to have no illusions due to relationship and propinquity. There is something in his words oddly in the current of present-day criticism of the painters of this group, now that the death of Holman Hunt has called them back to notice. Mr. Hueffer remarks that while these Preraffaelite poets " took themselves with such extreme seriousness"-

"Nevertheless, I have always fancied that to my mind they are responsible for the death of English poetry. My father once wrote of Rossetti that he put down the thoughts of Dante in the language of Shakespeare, and the words seem to me to be extremely true and extremely damning. For what is wanted of a poet is that he should express his own thoughts in the language of his own time. This the Preraffaelite poets never thought of, with perhaps the solitary exception of Christina Rossetti."

Mr. Hueffer rails at these poets because they lived in Bloomsbury and wrote about "the loves of Lancelot and Guinevere, about music and moonlight." Now, poets live in the country and the Bloomsbury section of London has come to be known as the "American quarter." Perhaps because Americans are still sentimental enough to like poetry, and the historic haunts of poets. Mr. Hueffer pictures the poets as living amid the "gloom and horror" of this district and writing "bravely of Lancelot and Guinevere, Merlin and Vivian, ballads of staff and scrip, of music and moonlight." His principal grievance is that "they did not, . . . much look at the life that was around them"; but that "in amid the glooms they built immaterial pleasure-houses." They were not brave enough, he adds; "that, I suppose, is why they are very few of them remembered and few of them great." He goes on:

I have, however, very little sense of proportion in this particular matter. There were Philip Bourke Marston, Arthur O'Shaughenessey, 'B. V.,' Theodore Marzials, Gordon Hake, Christina Rossetti, Mr. Edmund Gosse, Mr. Hall Caine, Oliver Madox Brown, Mr. Watts Dunton, Mr. Swinburne, D. G. Rossetti, Robert Browning! . . . All these names have been exceedingly familiar to my mouth and ears ever since I could speak or hear. In their own day each of them was a great and serious fact. For there was a time—yes, really there was a time!-when the publication of a volume of poems was still an event-an event making great.names, and fortunes not merely mediocre. I do not mean to say that in the seventies and eighties carriages still blocked Albemarle Street, but if Mr. O'Shaughenessy was understood to be putting the finishing touches to the proof-sheets of his next volume there arose an immense excitement among all the other poets and all the Preraffaelite Circle and all the outsiders connected with the Circle and all the friends of all the outsiders. What the book was going to be like was discust eagerly. So and so was understood to have seen the proof-sheets, and what The Athenæum would say, or what The Athenæum did say, excited all the circumjacent authors quite as much as nowadays the winning of the

Perby by a horse belonging to his Majesty the King. Nowadays all these things are most extraordinarily changed. Small volumes of poems descend upon one's head in an unceasing shower. They come so quick that one can not even imagine that the authors have time themselves to read the proof-sheets. How much less, then, their friends! But as for fame or fortune!"

Mr. Hueffer indulges himself in several anecdotes at the expense of the Preraffaelites. Doubtless they were fair game, but one relating to Miss Mathilde Blind brings him in also for part of the honors. Miss Blind was descended from a distinguished Prussian family of revolutionists, and was adopted by Madox Brown, grandfather of this writer who thus relates:

"I would be sitting in my little study intent either upon my writing or my school tasks, when ominous sounds would be heard at the door. Miss Blind, with her magnificent aquiline features and fine gray hair, would enter with ominous and alarming slip proofs dangling from both her hands. 'Fordie,'



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CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

'The only one of the Preraffaelite poets, says Mr. Ford Madox Hueffer, "to express her own thoughts in the language of her own time." Others "did not much look at the life around them."

she would say, 'I want a synonym for "dun." 'On page 152 of her then volume of poems she would have written of dun cows standing in green streams. She was then correcting the proofs of page 154, to find that she had spoken of the dun cows returning homeward over the leas. Some other adjective would have to be found for this useful quadruped. Then my bad quarter of an hour would commence. I would suggest strawberry-colored,' and she would say that that would not fit the meter. I would try 'roan,' but she would say that that would spoil the phonetic syzygy. I did not know what that was, but I would next suggest 'heifers,' whereupon she would say that heifers did not give milk, and that, anyhow, the accentuation was wrong. I would be reduced to a miserable muteness; Miss Blind, in any case, frightened me out of my life. And rising up and gathering her proof-sheets together, the poetess, with her Medusa head, would regard me with indignant and piercing brown eyes. 'Fordie,' she would say, with an awful scrutiny, 'your grandfather says you are a genius, but I have never been able to discover in you any signs but those of your being as stupid as a donkey.' I never could escape from being likened to that other useful quadruped."

One of the less known of the Preraffaelites, Theodore Marzials, published a volume of poems called "A Gallery of Pigeons." We read that it "contains verse of a lyrical and polished sort that, as far as my predilections serve, seems to me to be much the most exquisite that was produced by any one of the Preraffaelite poets." He gives us these specimens:

She was only a woman, famish'd for loving. Mad with devotion, and such slight things; And he was a very great musician, And used to finger his fiddle-strings.

Her heart's sweet gamut is cracking and breaking For a look, for a touch,—for such slight things; But he's such a very great musician, Grimacing and fing'ring his fiddle-strings.

In the warm wax-light one lounged at the spinet, And high in the window came peeping the moon; At his side was a bowl of blue china, and in it Were large blush-roses, and cream and maroon.

They crowded, and strain'd, and swoon'd to the music, And some to the gilt board languor'd and lay; They open'd and breathed, and trembled with pleasure, And all the sweet while they were fading away.

"And here is a third little poem by Marzials, which I quote because it is headed simply 'Chelsea':

And life is like a pipe, And love is the fusee; The pipe draws well, but bar the light And what's the use to me?

So light it up, and puff away
An empty morning through,
And when it's out—why, love is out,
And life's as well out too!

"But I do not know whether this was suggested by Rossetti or Carlyle."

HOW TO RECITE POETRY

PEOPLE may not care so much for the public recitation of poetry as they did a few decades ago; but it is surely an art they would not willingly let die. London and New York each has a "Poetry Society," constituted to look after the interests of this much-neglected muse; and in London they seem to be giving some attention to the proper rendering of verse as well as to the production of it. Mr. Forbes Robertson, one of the best "readers" on the English stage to-day, after recently hearing some of the members of the English Poetry Society read and recite poetry, advised them to refrain from gesticulation, which, he said, was out of place in readings or recitations of poetry. The London Times finds it "pleasant to find an actor insisting upon this fact, for the influence of the stage upon the delivery of poetry has often been disastrous." There is more admonition in what follows:

"Actors are apt to be too dramatic even when they deliver blank verse on the stage. Sometimes, indeed, they tear the rhythm to tatters, as if they thought the author wrote verse only by mistake, and they were doing him a kindness by turning it into prose. This is bad enough; but the dramatic delivery of poetry that is not dramatic is far more distressing. Many reciters seem to be ignorant of the fact that rhythm, in all poetry that is worth reciting, is a means of expression; indeed, that rhythm and sense are so closely connected that the one can not be understood without the other. Spoil the rhythm and you spoil the sense; misunderstand the sense and you will mar the rhythm. In fact, good verse is said wrongly if it is not said rhythmically; and any dramatic airs and graces which break the rhythm, or even distract the hearer's attention from it, are not merely superfluous, but mischievous. A reciter of poetry ought no more to gesticulate than a violinist ought to wave his bow about in the middle of his performance. Music, in the one case, and words, in the other, are the only proper means of expression; and in good poetry there is even less occasion for displays of virtuosity than in good music. citer's first aim should be to understand thoroughly the poem

which he proposes to recite; not merely the sense of it, but also the quality of its emotion; for he can not understand the one without understanding the other. And he can not understand either unless he is aware of the expressive function of meter and rhythm.

"We say meter and rhythm, because rhythm is necessary to preserve meter from mere sing-song. It is the peculiar character of each line, expressive of its peculiar sense and emotion, which is imposed upon the general pattern of the meter. A familiar instance is to be found in the line—

Of man's first disobedience and the fruit-

Here a reader who does not give careful attention to the sense will adhere to the strict metrical pattern, lay no stress on the word first, and spoil both the rhythm and the meaning of the verse. In all good poetry there are such delicate varieties of rhythm; and the reader or reciter, if he searches for these and uses them as means of expression, will find that there is no room in his art for dramatic effects. He must know how to manage his voice, of course, so that his audience may not be troubled by its defects."

One bit of Mr. Forbes Robertson's advice is taken as offering possible "dangers" to readers who do not understand the importance of phrasing. For example:

"He laid great stress, we are told, upon the beauty in the mere sound of many words, apart from their position in a line or phrase. Therefore, he said, it behooved reciters to be very careful to give out the entire preciousness of the sound of such words. Now it is perfectly true that some words are more beautiful in sound than others, altho it is very difficult to dissociate sound from meaning. But beauty of rhythm is in all good poetry far more important than the beauty of particular words; and, the better the poetry, the more difficult it is to dissociate their beauty from their meaning or from their position in a line or phrase. There are many poems, popular with reciters, in which great stress is laid upon a single word often repeated. Poe's 'Raven' is an example, with its Never more. But these are seldom good poems, and the methods of delivery which they suggest should not be applied to good poems."

Rime is the element of poetry probably most sinned against of all. It is often treated as if a special effort were made to conceal it altogether, and thus reduce verse to its nearest sound equivalent with prose. The Times observes:

"Poets would scarcely use rimes if they did not mean them to be heard; and it is said that many good poets, in reading their own poetry, are apt to lay great stress on the rimes, as on the rhythm. Certainly a reciter should not be afraid of rimes. Where a riming word is important in sound or sense he should sound it boldly; and even when the sense runs over without a break into the next line he should not be too anxious to insist upon its continuity. For in poetry lines are facts that are not meant to be ignored. Indeed, rimes are there to emphasize them. But the good poet usually shows, by the use of strong or weak rimes, how far he means them to be strest. In the 'Ancient Mariner,' for instance, which is a model in all the formal excellences of poetry, it is quite clear that the rimes are meant to be strest in the verse:

The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew.
The furrow followed free;
We were the first that ever burst
Into that silent sea.

"For here the rime-words are both important in sense and strong in sound. On the other hand, the rimes should be softly sounded in the verse:

> Sometimes a-dropping from the sky I heard the skylark sing; Sometimes all little birds that are, How they seem'd to fill the earth and air With their sweet jargoning!

"For, apart from the weakness and imperfection of the rime sounds, the rhythm would be spoilt by any emphasis on the last words of the lines. In fact, rime is a part of meter and, with meter, is always subject to rhythm. Understand the rhythm of a poem and you will know how to treat its rimes. The more expressive a poem is, the more it is swayed by rhythm; and the good reciter will allow his voice to be swayed by rhythm as if he were thinking aloud and rhythm were the natural expression of his own thought."

GUIDE TO THE NEW BOOKS

Baker, Etta Anthony. Frolics at Fairmount. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 408. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50 net.

Barnum, Madalene D. Selected for Home and School Entertainments. Harper's Book of Little Plays. By Margaret Sutton Briscoe, John Ken-drick Bangs, Caroline A. Creevey, Margaret E. Sangster, and Others. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 141. New York: Harper & Bros. \$1.

Bierce, Ambrose. Vol. I. Frontispiece. Neale Publishing Co. \$2.50. The Collected Works of. 8vo, pp. 402. New York:

Brown, Demetra Kenneth. Finella in Fairy-land. 16mo, pp. 37. Illustrated. Boston: Hough-ton Mifflin Co. 50 cents net.

Burgess, Thornton W. Old Mother West Wind. Illustrated. 16mo, pp. 169. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

Burnham, Clara Louise, Clever Betsy, Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 401. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 31.25 net.

Burton, Charles Pierce. The Bob's Hill Braves. Il-lustrated. 12mo, pp. 311. New York: Henry Holt & Co.

The Caravaners. By the Author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden." Illus-trated. 12mo, pp. 389. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.50.

Chambers, Julius. The Mississippi River and Its Wonderful Valley. Royal 8vo, 300 pp. Decorated cloth. 80 illustrations and maps. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This handsome volume the latest addition to the Putnam's "Water Ways Series." is at times disappointing in its contents, since the writer so often obscures his subject by his personality. In 1872 Mr. Chambers, then the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, was struck by the inexactness of knowledge concerning the precise source of the Mis-

sissippi, and suddenly resolved to see the higher lake than Itasca and the marshy inlets feeding it, give him the credit of having been the first to find the ultimate springs whence the great river starts to the sea; but the personal narrative of this trip and of his subsequent canoe and steamboat voyages down to the gulf takes up far too much space. The compilations of river history and statistics which form the last half of the volume are in most parts dull and perfunctory but the many and singularly beautiful illustrations which accompany them are of permanent value. The most interesting and worthy part of the volume is the review of the history of early exploration, chiefly French, of the region about the sources of the Mississippi. Some of the material has been compiled from sources, such as the Radisson papers, which are accessible to few readers away from great libraries; and if the work will bear scholarly criticism this historical review will be of great service.

Chubb, Edwin Watts. Stories of Authors. Illustrated. Pp. 369. 1910. New York: Sturgis & Walton Co.

The purpose of the author is to "help in making literature and the makers of literature alive and interesting." This statement prefaces Professor Chubb's "Stories." It is refreshing to find a scholar who sees and acknowledges the value of the trivial in great

sometimes personal reminiscences, sometimes others culled from magazine articles or the letters of friends. We wander pleasantly from Chaucer to our beloved Eugene Field, gaining an insight into many lives of international importance, and learning Le Gallienne said of Kipling: "As a writer including a history of the origin of St. Peters-Mr. Kipling is a delight, as an influence a burg, an explanation of the political ideas danger."

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Cox, John Harrington. Knighthood in Germ and Flower. The Anglo-Saxon Epic, Beowulf, and the Arthurian Tale, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Translated from Original Sources and Adapted for Use in the Home, the School, and Pupils' Reading Circles. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 187. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

Ditmars, Raymond L. Reptiles of the World. Tortoises and Turtles, Crocodilians, Lizards, and Snakes of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. With a frontispiece in color and nearly 200 illustrations from photographs taken by the author. Octavo, pp. 374. New York: Sturgis & Walton.

Mr. Ditmars is the curator of reptiles and the assistant curator of mammals in the New York Zoological Park. He has long been known among scientific men as a special authority on the subject of which he treats in this book where his aim has been "to give in a popular manner a general survey of the reptiles of the world." While he has sought to reach the common mind and to make the book interesting, he has endeavored everywhere to make his work accord with the latest results of scientific study. The volume is divided into four parts; the first of which men's lives. In seventy-one chapters he treats of turtles and tortoises; the second of

gives sketches of almost as many authors, crocodiles and alligators; the third of lizards, English and American, men and women— and the fourth of snakes, the snakes being not life histories, complete from birth to grouped first as non-venomous, second as death, but little sketches of a personal char-venomous. The illustrations, very numer-acter dealing often with intimate home life; ous and striking, have been made from photographs taken by the author. They are in general of high interest and excellence.

Dobson, G. St. Petersburg, painted by F. De Haenan. Pp. 158. London: Adam & Charles Biack. 1910. \$2.75 net.

This author aims at giving as complete an eagerly one writer's estimate of another; as account of the Russian capital as possible, We read of Scott's heroism, Dr. connected with it, a critical description of

the present city, and sketches of the life and types of its inhabitants. The book is made up mostly of historical descriptions and its beautiful illustrations, both in black and white and in color, together with its large clear type and broad margins, make it most attractive. Mr. Dobson comments on the isolated location of the great capital and gives a comprehensive account of the creative and formative influence of Peter the Great in building such a city after his final victory over the Swedes. His strongest criticism is against the sanitation, which until very recently has been "scandalously unhealthy." Education will be the keynote of betterment and progress and even now Russia is

"hurrying up" in many ways.

EHIs, Katharine Ruth. The Wide-Awake Girls at College. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 294. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50.

Godfrey, Hollis. Jack Collerton's Engine. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 285. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. \$1.25.

Gould, F. J. The Children's Plutarch (Roman). Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 171. New York: Harper & Bros. 75 cents net.

Gulick, Luther H. The Healthful Art of Dancing, 12mo, pp. 275. Cloth. Illustrated. Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.40 net.

Dr. Gulick has been the leading spirit in the movement for physical culture as a required part of public-school training, and for the encouragement of systematic athletics among the younger children, especially in cities. He believes in exercise as a corrective of evils due to long daily sitting at school or at work; but knows that if exercise is to be healthful it must be interesting. The most enjoyable exercise, which is suitable for young and old, and may be well controlled yet be not too formal, is dancing, the instinctive response to the natural rhythms of nature and life. For this purpose nothing is so good as the folk-dance.

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last rith hm ore and hm iral be lost unless some pains are taken to preserve them for the little ones while utilizing them as a beneficial and educational form of recreation. This is why an association has been laboring to revive and encourage folkdancing in school and out: and it is not wonderful that it has met with remarkable success when one reads Dr. Gulick's account of what has been accomplished, and looks at his dozens of charming photographs of the

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Harris, Joel Chandler Little Mr. Thimblefinge Stories. 16mo, pp. 164. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 40 cents.

Henry, O. Whirligigs. 12mo, pp. 313, New York; Doubleday, Page & Co.

Hollander, Bernard. Hypnotism and Suggestion in Daily Life, Education, and Medical Practise. 12mo, pp. 295. New York: G. P. Putnam's tise. Sons.

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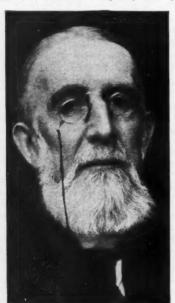
Hurlbut, Jesse Lyman. Organizing and Building up the Sunday School. 12mo, pp. 152. New York: Eaton & Mains. 65 cents net.

Jefferson, Charles E. The Building of the Church. 12mo, pp. 306. New York: The Macmillan Co. \$1.25 net.

Jones, Amanda T. A Psychic Autobiography. rontispiece. 12mo, pp. 455. New York: Greaves ublishing Co. \$2 net.

Kirkland, Winifred. The Home-Comers. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 326. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. \$1.20 net.

Klein, David. Literary Criticism from the Elizabethan Dramatists. Repertory and Syn-



Whose "Seven Great Statesmen" is noticed on a later page.

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Knipe, Alden Arthur. Captain of the Eleven, Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 269. New York: Harper & Bros. \$1.25.

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Kuhns, Oscar. The Love of Books and Read-g. 12mo, pp. 158. New York: Henry Holt & Co.

Lathbury, D. C. [Edited by]. Correspond-nce on Church and Religion of William Ewart



In his fine life of Gladstone, Lord Morley has dwelt only incidentally on the ecclesiastical and devotional side of his character. He has traced the Tory of the early nineteenth century who began by opposing the Reform Bill and afterward became an enthusiastic Peelite on through his political career, until he developed into a liberal of the Liberals, disestablishing the Irish Church and landing at last in desperate espousal of the Irish Home Rule party. He went down with the defeat of that party like a captain folding his arms as his ship is engulfed in the waves. In the present work we see Gladstone from within, neither as haranguing at the husting, demolishing the budget of the Beaconsfield ministry in Parliament, electrifying the electors of Midlothian, or thundering against the Turkish oppressors of Bulgaria or Armenia. We see him as the ecclesiastic and the devotee. We use the term ecclesiastic advisedly. For Gladstone was a man deeply imbued with a sense of the church's authority. Narrow as his view of ecclesiasticism was, it was intense and pro-

The church of England, the book, the Authorized Version of the Bible comprized for him everything essential to religious illumination; anything like the broader criticism which is now applied to the ancient monuments of the faith, he loathed and would have echoed that prayer of the pious Evangelical rector, who wished that the books of recent German critics, with their author, might be sunk in the German ocean.

It is not, however, as a theologian or an ecclesiastic that Gladstone presents his most attractive side in these letters. Somebody at one time asserted that the Church of England had lost a good bishop when he went into politics. But if it lost a bishop, it always retained a faithful devoted son. Indeed, the whole house of Gladstone was a domesticated church of England. Thence his sympathies widened out to the parish church at Hawarden in which he loved to

257. New York: Sturgis & read the Sunday sermons of the day. But as a statesman he was bound to consider the Church of England as part of the State and to discuss the merits of this arrangement and the need of reforming it. In the early days of Gladstone the University of Oxford was merely an appendage to the Church of England, and none could be matriculated without signing allegiance to the Thirtynine Articles. Yet speaking of the condition

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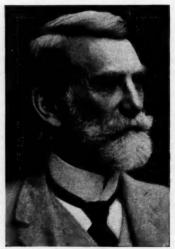
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Oxford does not seem to possess Where Oxford does not seem to possess. Where, then, are the fruits? . . . Here irreligion is Where, the rule, religion the exception. that if we go throughout the whole country we find the ordinary personification of a wild scamp and thoughtless profligate to be the undergraduate of Oxford or Cambridge?"

While Mr. Gladstone was no Tractarian he attributes the raising of the moral tone in Oxford largely to the influence of the leaders of the Oxford movement, and particularly to John Henry Newman's four o'clock sermons. Of his views on University Reform, we have here a very full account in these letters. Oxford has since then been reformed, and these letters retain now only a remote historic interest excepting in evidencing the deep seriousness, thorough study of detail, and enthusiasm with which he plunged into any question concerning church education.

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Church of England, it was a burning question in the eighties, and it is a burning question still. Gladstone had disestablished the Irish Church, and the conclusion in many minds was that he would favor a like treatment of the English Church. But on this point he very characteristically hedged and vacillated. Ofttimes his character as a devout churchman and a statesman made many people turn to him as an oracle. On this point the oracle was dumb. "I have neither shared in nor assented to any attack upon the church," he wrote in 1885 to R. Bosworth Smith, who had asked for his views. "It is not by the Liberal, nor even the Radical portion of the Liberals that the great question of English Disestablishment is at this moment prest forward. It is prest forward by the Tories."

Of course Gladstone was at this time a Liberal, and he was reproached by Lord Shaftesbury with making a speech in the House of Commons to "a bill which cut up by the roots all our national homage to God, which is the meaning of Disestablishment.' "You did not give that high tone to your speech, which I had expected from you." As Mr. Gladstone when questioned on this subject, just after he had handed the seals of office to Lord Salisbury, and was paltering and negotiating with the Irish party, wrote evasively to Sir George Prevost in answer to a request for his ideas on the subject: "On the question of Disestablishment my prayer is that I may never have to say a word. . Meantime is it not for us to build up more and more a Church of England which can laugh to scorn all her foes?

It is pleasanter to turn to the letters he wrote to his children. It was quite in the spirit of Legh Richmond that he wrote to "My Beloved Willy" in 1847 when he was an Evangelical: "You are now a little more than seven years old, and are more able to think on what you are, and on what you do, than when you were a very little child. You must therefore try to render an account to God."

In 1853 he wrote to the same boy to express his regret that he did "not take the same pains with his Latin prose as with his verse." "Is the thought of God pleasant or irksome to you?" he inquires in 1853. In 1854 he warns him against too much newspaper reading. "To read much of such matter in early youth destroys the palate; as when eating a quantity of marmalade before dinner." The same year he writes urging on the boy the duty of being confirmed. The letter is a sort of homily or sermon, in which St. Paul and the Apostolic Fathers are quoted in the original. In other letters he gives admirable religious counsel, all unworldly and calculated to upbuild character. He was no Chesterfield in advising his boy.

All these letters present Gladstone as a man of many sides and gifts. But none are more interesting and affecting than those which he found time amid the preoccupations of Downing Street to address to his family circle at Hawarden Castle.

Leblanc, Maurice. The Hollow Needle. Further Adventures of Arsene Lupin. Translated by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 325. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.20.

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Lyman, Eugene William. Theology and Human Problems—A Comparative Study of Absolute Idealism and Pragmatism as Interpreters of Religion. The Nathaniel William Taylor Lectures for 1909–10 given before the Divinity School of Yale University. 12mo, pp. 232. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1 net.

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Monroe, Will S. Bohemia and the Czechs. 8vo, pp. 488. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. \$3.

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Montgomery, George R. The Unexplored Self—An Introduction to Christian Doctrine for Teachers and Students. 12mo, pp. 249. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Racowitza, Helene von. An Autobiography. Translated from the German by Cecil Mar. 8vo, pp. 421. The Macmillan Co. \$3.50.

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Robinson, Humphrey. A Simple Explanation of Modern Banking Customs. 16mo, pp. 111. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co.

Rogers, James Frederick. Life and Health. 12mo, pp. 202. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1 net.

Roosevelt, Theodore. African Game Trails. Cloth. Royal 8vo. Illustrated. Scribner's, 1910.

This much-heralded work will give satisfaction to every one who cares for the matter of which it treats, or rejoices in excellent diction, or admires fine book-making. The broad intelligence of its author, the alert mind and swift pen are felt from cover to cover. The writer was alive every minute. Everything interested him-the landscape, the wild natives, the settlers (so like those of our own West of his pioneer days), the actions of the animals, large and small, throng-ing about his path. This breadth and variety of observation lift the book far above a hunter's stories, and place it in the library of reference for Central Africa; yet to the narratives of sport with big game are given full space, more, indeed, than to any other single topic.

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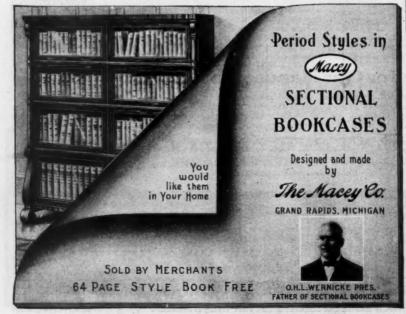
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As the reader is constantly reminded, the expedition under Mr. Roosevelt's direction was a scientific one, and any reader capable of judging will see that in this respect it was eminently successful. Kermit Roosevelt, Dr. Mearns, Mr. Loring, and his other assistants, had their share of the fun, but that they were busy as naturalists is plain from chapter to chapter; while the Appendixes give annotated lists of their collections for the Smithsonian which are surprizingly long and include many novelties. To this part of the work must be credited a majority of the admirable illustrations-mostly from photographs by Kermit Roosevelt or by Edmund Heller-of living animals and birds. These are far in advance of any similar series of pictures. To this scientific end the sport was constantly made to contribute. Every animal became a "specimen" or else was used for food.

A very striking feature in this connection —and one illustrative of the breadth and depth of Mr. Roosevelt's knowledge as a fieldnaturalist, as well as of his tireless energyis the long discourse written on his journey down the Nile in criticism of the Thayer theory of protective coloration lately advanced in an elaborate volume. The great body of naturalists will thoroughly approve of the destructive dissection of the matter given there, and will thank Mr. Roosevelt for the illuminative material from his own experience. It would have made a valuable book by itself.

The work abounds, too, in keen political and sociologic comment on the people and government of East Africa, and the relations between the new masters of the land and the savage aborigines, which is fruitful in instruction for colonial administration elsewhere. There is no question but that, outside the field of "pure literature" this is the most important, as well as most readable book of the year, and a permanent contribution to science.

Rosenfeld, Sydney, Children of Destiny—A Play in Four Acts. Paper, 12mo, pp. 126. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co.

Ross, Edward Alsworth. Latter Day Sinners and ints. 16mo, pp. 68. New York: B. W. Huebsch. Saints. 16mc 50 cents net.

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Van Wagenen, Anthony. Government Ownership of Railways—Considered as the Next Great Step in American Progress. 12mo, pp. 256. New York; G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Villard, Oswald Garrison. John Brown. 8vo, pp. 738. New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. \$5.

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"A single blow of the hatchet in the sher-"A single blow of the natchet in the sneriff's hand, and the man of strong and bloody
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Kansas—the capturer of the United States
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Abolitionists—the man execrated and lauded
dependent of proved for Lobb Brown —damned and prayed for . . . John Brown, was hanging between heaven and earth."

Of the proposal to make his sentence life imprisonment instead of death, the following anecdote was told by Mr. F. E. Spinner, of Worcester:

"I said to Thaddeus Stevens that it was a pity that Brown had not been sentenced to pity that Brown had not been sentenced to prison for life, instead of being made a mar-tyr by hanging. Mr. Stevens had ardently longed for an opportunity to give the two eminent Virginian statesmen (Governor Wise and Senator Mason) a shot, and turned to me and said in a loud voice: 'No, sir, he ought to have been hung for attempting to capture Virginia with a dogor white men five negroes. Virginia with a dozen white men, five negroes, and an old cow. Why, sir, he ought to have taken at least thirty men to have conquered Virginia."

The idea that Brown should not have been hanged is supported in some quarters on the plea of insanity. Governor Wise believed personally in the saneness of the prisoner, and declared to the Virginia legislature:

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(Brown) in jail, after his doom had been pronounced. No lunatic ever penned such high-minded, and such consistent epistles." Another evidence is the devotion of his followers, of which we read: "Dr. Starry, the gallant physician of Harper's Ferry, said, years after the raid, that such devotion as Brown's followers had for him, he, Dr. Starry, had never beheld before or since. They perfectly worshiped the ground the old fellow trod on." Mr. Villard adds: "The hard-headed, able Americans, like Stevens, Kagi, Cook, and Gill, who lived with John Brown, month in, month out, and were ready to die with him, worshiped no lunatic."

Much praise should be given to this admirable monograph; its thoroughness, schollarly completeness, and accuracy are admirable. Even the individual members of John Brown's little army find a place in the Appendix—a genuine "Classical Dictionary" of heroic men who stood their ground in the cause of liberty as Leonidas with his men at the Pass of Thermopyle. The illustrations and portraits are numerous. There is a bibliography of twenty pages and an excellent index. A just estimate of the hero of his work is given in conclusion by Mr. Villard:

"The story of John Brown will ever confront the spirit of despotism, when men are struggling to throw off the shackles of social or physical slavery. His own country, while admitting his mistakes without undue palliation or excuse, will forever acknowledge the divine that was in him by the side of what was human and faulty, blind and wrong. It will cherish the memory of the prisoner of Charlestown in 1859, as at once a sacred, a solemn, and an inspiring American heritage."

White, Andrew Dickson. Seven Great Statesmen. 8vo, pp. 552. New York: The Century Co. \$2.50 net.

Mr. White has chosen a wide stage for the marshaling of his figures in this interesting drama, of "the warfare of humanity with unreason." While omitting from his subject any out of the long list of American or English worthies, he has aimed at setting before us the heroes and statesmen of the European continent who did so much for the liberation of their own country in particular and the human race in general. He has chosen Sarpi, Grotius, Thomasius, Turgot, Stein, Cayour, and Bismarck as his subjects. His own diplomatic experience in France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and Russia gave him ample opportunity of studying the ways of European statesmen, while affording him access to historic material of the most authentic character.

It is natural enough that he should begin his series with Paolo Sarpi, one of the two foremost Italian statesmen since the Middle Ages, the other being Cavour. Sarpi is said to have been the man who taught Europe "in what manner the Holy Spirit guides the councils of the Church." He was born at Venice, the scene of his greatest triumphs, in 1552 on the very day that St. Francis Xavier, the most illustrious Jesuit, died. While he was baptized Peter, he took the name of Paul-from Peter the peasant Jew, to Paul the demolisher of Judaism-a significant change. Learned in all the science of the day, and an able disputant, he never reached the highest ecclesiastical honors, for he held with Dante, that earthly governors had a God-given right parallel to that of the pope's spiritual authority. In Venice be became the leader of those who opposed papal encroachment, This brought the Republic in conflict with Paul V., and led to the banishment of the Jesuits. Sarpi was an active agent in this ecclesiastical revolution, and when Sir Henry Wotton was an English ambassador at Venice, he wrote of the gentle-ness and kindness of the reformer, "He seemeth in countenance and in spirit liker to Philip Melanchthon than to Luther." Indeed, he maintained friendly relations with most of the Protestant leaders in Europe. It may be said of him that he laid the foundations of that monarchy of united Italy which was established by Cavour backed by the bayonet of Garibaldi.

Hugo Grotius (the Latinized form of the name Huig de Groot) was born at Delft in Holland, 1583. A precocious child, a brilliant scholar, he was called early in manhood to enter the fierce controversial struggle between Arminianism and Predestination. But his mind was too large to lose itself in the petty mazes of theological disputes. In 1625 he published his great work-De Jure Belli et Pacis, and his ideas passed into the laws the treaties, the current discussions of his day. Among his most illustrious disciples was Pufendorf, who claims that the work of Grotius was "the grammar of international law." Mr. White eloquently and truly says, speaking of the Palace of International Justice at The Hague:

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It has often been said that if Anne Robert Jacques Turgot, Baron d'Auline, had been allowed to have his own way as Comptroller-General of France, there would have been no French Revolution. Turgot was a philosopher and his discourses at the Sorbonne show marvelous historic insight, originality, and breadth of view. Mr. White well sums up the economic and political view of this practical statesman: "Turgot's prophetic gift showed him that what plan he offered was the best chance for France and the last chance for the monarchy; that promptness in decision and vigor in execution had become the only hope; that reforms, to prevent a wild outburst of revolution, must be made then or never."

Unfortunately they were not made till the guillotine had destroyed the monarchy and decimated the nobility and Napoleon sat down to compile his Code.

We wish we had space to dwell upon the work of Henry Frederick Charles, Baron von Stein, the German statesman of the Napoleonic wars; of Cavour, and of Bismarck. These names are familiar to our readers, but Mr. White has added a freshness to his interpretation of their characters which shows that he was thinking of the present in his interpretation of the past. There is something of the higher journalism permeating all these sketches. They give evidence of a mood which takes keen interest in the struggles of the distant or nearer past, while anxious of personal security in the present. His is the attitude taken by the philosopher of Lucretius who finds it sweet to watch from the shore the storm-tossed ships, not because it is agreeable to witness the sufferings of others, but because such a spectacle makes us more keenly alive to our own good fortune. From this point of view Mr. White's book is a genuine comment on present-day politics, and, apart from the personal interest roused by the procession of really great men which is led out before us, their work and experience teach us to feel more deeply the privileges we enjoy in the present era.

Wilcox, Delos F. Great Cities in America— Their Problems and Their Government. 12mo, pp. 426. New York: The Macmillan Co. \$1.25 net.

Wright, Horace J. Sweet Peas. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 116. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co.

The Land of Ice and Mutton .- They have some curious ideas about us in Dear Old England. A lady who was about to leave London for New Zealand a little while ago was strongly advised to provide herself with very warm clothing before sailing. "Why?" she asked. "Oh, it's awfully cold out there, don't you know," the other British matron said. "It's the place where all the frozen mutton comes from!"—New Zealand Free

CURRENT POETRY

A METAPHOR is a live wire that brings an electric interest to a poem. A figure of speech seems somehow to tap the infinite. The poem "October," taken from The Smart Set, is trope pure and simple, and thus it carries a potential reserve behind all that is made actual in expression and the words are given a life and meaning that they do not retain in their removal to dictionaries.

October

BY LOUIS UNTERMEYER

On the altar of the world
All the hopes of Spring are furled,
All of Autumn's gifts are spread
Where the Summer rests her head.
Earth-warm passions, fresh-lipped Youth,
Wraiths of Love and ghosts of Truth,
Broken dreams and visions lost—
All of these are heaped and tossed
On the sacrificial pile
Where in majesty the while
Summer sleeps in solemn state,
Sleeps upon a bed ornate
Strewn with bows of pine and larch. . . .
Nature then applies the torch. . . .

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First a spark-then leaps among Oak and beech a tiny tongue, Darts of gold and tips of yellow Touch the branches of the willow, And the growing color spreads Into fierce and flaming reds. Kindling bush and brake and briar With the surging sacred fire. Maple clusters all aglow, Slim white birches in a row Trembling in the woodland ways. Burst into a golden blaze. Even slender grass and fern Droop and wither as they burn, While the clean green earth is lost In this holy holocaust. Now the wakened winds and free Swing the brands from tree to tree, And the fire spreads until Every mountain side and hill. Every vale and garden close In the wildest radiance glows Till the flames that leap unfurled Sweep and inundate the world And the martyred Summer lies Burning with her sacrifice.

A common-sense talk to men, by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, in metrical prose, in *The American*.

If

BY RUDYARD KIPLING

- If you can keep your head when all about you Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
- If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you, But make allowance for their doubting too:
- If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, Or being lied about don't deal in lies.
- Or being hated don't give way to hating.

 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:
- If you can dream—and not make dreams your
- master;
 If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim.
- If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
 And treat those two impostors just the same,
- If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
- Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:
- If you can make one heap of all your winnings And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toes, And lose, and start again at your beginnings And never breathe a word about your loss;



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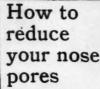
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f you can force your heart and nerve and sinew To serve your turn long after they are gone, And so hold on when there is nothing in you Except the will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch, If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you, If all men count with you, but none too much; If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds' worth of distance run, Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And-which is more-you'll be a Man, my son ?

It seems as tho one might learn the trick by which Le Gallienne turns commonplace incidents into poetry—but one can't. Shining Path," from Harper's.

The Shining Path

BY RICHARD LE GALLIENNE

I crossed the orchard, walking home. The rising moon was at my back. The apples and the moonlight fell Together on the gleaming track

Then, speeding through the evening dews, A dozen lighted windows glide The east-bound flyer for New York, Soft as a magic-lantern slide.

New York! On through the sleeping flowers, Through echoing midnight on to noon: How strange that yonder is New York. And here such silence and the moon!

In the literary world of shreds and patches and tattered ends, we bow to the mind that brings to us a new theme bodied forth in strong verse. We are glad to reprint "The House of Broken Swords" from a copy of Scribner's that is now some months old.

The House of Broken Swords

By WILLIAM HERVEY WOODS

On one side marshes met the snarling sea, And on the other three gaunt mountain peaks Shot up 'mid screaming eagles: and between. Beetling above an inky tarn, upclomb That hostelry.

Cloud-high it loomed, and dark As Amazonian forests. Far o'erhead Its shadowy roof, sometimes but spindrift dim, Sometimes was heaven, with lucent twilight skies Besprent with stars; and round each echoing hall In carven ambrys quaint, old storied arms Blazoned the walls. There on Goliath's blade Goliath's blood still rusted; there sea-born Excalibur flaunted his wizard hilt, And Soldan's yataghan and Richard's brand Hung with the baton that in Cæsar's grasp Dispeopled nations.

But the loftiest nave In that strange house was bung with broken swords Whereof the chiefest three had shields beneath Scrolled each with shining names. One shield was his

Who long time humbled Rome, and one, blood-red, Recalled the Corsican; and last a shield, Now wet with old men's tears, proclaimed the chief Whose ramparts linger 'mid Virginian pines Untenanted the place, to casual eyes, And silent; but anon began afar Onset of arméd feet, and thunders rolled (Thunders or battle), and a hand unseen Lifted a veil, and Lo! a marching host Swept through the aisles, while on amazéd ears Sea-like uprose the Prayer of Beaten Men.

"We are the fallen, who, with helpless faces Low in the dust, in stiffening ruin lay, Felt the hoofs beat, and heard the rattling traces As o'er us drove the chariots of the fray.

We are the fallen, who by ramparts gory, Awaiting death, heard the far shouts begin, And with our last glance glimpsed the victor's glory For which we died, but dying might not win.



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"We were but men. Always our eyes were holden, We could not read the dark that walled us round, Nor deem our futile plans with thine enfolden-We fought, not knowing God was on the ground.

"Give us our own; and tho in realms eternal The potsherd and the pot, belike, are one, Make our old world to know that with supernal Powers we were matched, and by the stars o'erthrown.

"Aye, grant our ears to hear the foolish praising Of men-old voices of our lost home-land, Or else, the gateways of this dim world raising, Give us our swords again, and hold thy hand."

Thus prayed they, and no spoken answer fell; But whose watched, saw the dark roof again Flash into sudden heaven aglow with stars That aimed their rays, straight as God's glances, on Those shields alone beneath the broken swords.

Three stanzas of four verses each, alternately rimed, seem to be a favorite form in which to tie up a little packet of polite sorrow and present it to the world. We select "In Absence" from the September Century.

In Absence

By CHARLES T. ROGERS

I know that others wait like me, But, oh, their eyes. They strike me blind. 'Tis when they're kindest that I see, Now she's away, how hers were kind.

The word each heart with good intent Speaks from the sorrow that it knows Remind me that the sweetest scent Comes with the wind that strews the rose.

And every clasp they reach to still The ache, and show they understand, But proves the whole world can not fill This hand that's empty of her hand.

Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer presents us, in Harper's, with a little edition de luxe of nature.

A Garden in the Fern

By Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselaer

Make thyself lowly for this garden laid In the clear stillness of the beech-tree shade. Make thyself lowly; lie amid the fern; Forget the size of men and tree trunks; learn, With eyes attuned to daintier scale, to se What the green garths of fairy-land may be.

Hollowed atop is this gray stone. Its bed Is moss, and the enwalling fronds are spread A space apart that so, untouched, may rise The white wood-sorrel's delicate surprize From the deep emerald floor. Come close and know How triple leaflets on each thin stalk grow, Drooping together at the touch of night. How the snowflakes of flowers, so exquisite They shame the wild rose as too large and bold, Are crimson-threaded and are eyed with gold.

Dark trefoil and white blossom-see, they press, A tremulous company of loveliness, Trusting frail feet to nook and crevice, up The lichened stone to find and wreathe its cup, Its moss-lined cup that soft and diligent wings Of winds have sown with seeds of tiny things.

There are no words minute and sweet enough To tell how flourishes upon its rough Rock-base this garden plot. Here too are ferns But miniature: e'en the wood-sorrel turns Downward to them its golden glance. Inch-tall And scarcely more the grasses grow, and all Their bonny neighbors of the broader leaf-Minim parterres where one small scarlet sheaf Of strawberries seems statured like a tree, And gauzy flies as birds for bigness be-

Why seek far grandeurs? Wash thy lids with dew Of the accustomed morning, line thy shoe With fern-seed from the well-known woodland path. And go-invisibly to him who hath Proud eyes for the remote and large Frequent, unfenced, the garths of fairy-land.

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THE MAKING OF SIMON NEWCOMB

A YEAR after the death of Simon Newcomb, comes his sister to tell us that America's foremost astronomer owed all his greatness to a successful experiment in eugenics and to his father's faith in phrenology. John Newcomb, we are told, was a Nova Scotian youth of inquisitive, skeptical mind. Studying and thinking much by himself he became enthusiastic over the then new science of phrenology which taught him to fit "the virtues and failings of his neighbors to their noses and eyes, their chins and their foreheads," and to utilize the long and dreary sermon in studying the cranial contours of the worshipers. At the age of twenty-four this youth of analytic mind, writes his daughter, Dr. Sara Newcomb Merrick, in this month's McClure's, stood before his mirror and thus soliloquized:

I am twenty-four years old, and it is time I began to look for a wife. Combe and Gall both say that twenty-five is the best age for marriage. I must marry a young woman whose temperament shall be unlike mine, and unlike in such a way as shall make us harmonious, one being the complement of the other. The difference in temperament is shown by the difference in physical form. I am a little above the medium height, five feet nine, so she may be of medium height. I am inclined to be slender, with sloping shoulders—she should be rather square in the shoulders and stocky of build. My muscles are long and slim, and my hands slender, with slim fingers; therefore she should present the opposite.

Face and head: I have rather a large mouth, a square chin and jaw, a face inclined to be long-she must have a rather round face with plump cheeks. My nose is long, with bony portions prominent, somewhat like the Roman nose, but broader and with full nostrils—she must have a rather short nose, even with a little uptilt, and lacking in bony development.

My eyes are deep-set-hers must be full and prominent. My eyebrows are straighthers must be arching. The hair grows low over my forehead—her forehead must be high. My forehead projects over my eyes, and slopes back somewhat, making what is termed the philosophical head-hers must be full and round in the upper portion, making the literary and history-loving head. My head is inclined to be narrow between the ears and high in the crown-hers must be broad between the ears and highest over the ears, from which point there should be a smooth slope to the back of the head. My back head is full, showing strong love for children and great affection-hers should be somewhat less. Because my hair is dark and strong of growth, rather coarse, in fact, hers should be fine and, if possible, curling or easily curled. In color my face is inclined to be florid-hers must be more delicate, while still showing the hue of health. The color of my eyes is gray-blue; but-I'm not so sure here. I think color of eyes and hair is not of so much consequence. Mentally I am slow of thought and speech-my wife must be quick and ready with an answer.

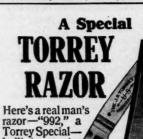


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As we can readily believe, none of the nearby maidens satisfied these requirements, to which John Newcomb, of course, added love of learning. So one fine morning in August, "when his twenty-fifth year was but a month old; this new Coelebs set forth in search of a wife. A bundle made up from his limited wardrobe and his precious library was fastened to the end of a stick, and the youth left home, merely saying that he was going to seek a school for the coming winter.

John Newcomb stopt at farm-houses for his refreshment, and in each house, if there was a daughter of marriageable age, he tarried perhaps a day, or even longer, to make a study of the maiden. He always made himself "handy" about the place, drawing up water with the great well-sweep, bringing in fire-wood—doing anything that he could do and still keep near the daughter.

Disappointment met him at every door. At one house the cooking was poor; at another the house was not neatly kept; at a third there was scolding or fault-finding, a want of harmony-and in all the maidens a lack of desire for learning or education. One young woman little knew by what a narrow margin she missed her fate. All was going smoothly till, when she was molding the dough for the baking-pans, he noticed that a considerable portion of the dough was left in the wooden kneadingtrough. He asked her the reason for this, and her reply was that she left it for the horse because he was fond of it. She always did this, she said; there was plenty. "Want of thrift," decided the young man, and he shouldered his bundle and walked on.

Still undiscouraged, he continued his journey until, one evening, he entered the village of Moncton, New Brunswick.

The first building to greet him was not a dwelling, as he knew from its form. Yet it was lighted, and the melody of a familiar hymn greeted his ear. He had happened upon a prayer-meeting in the Baptist meeting-house.

He stept in unobtrusively and took a seat near the door. His attention was at once attracted to a young woman in the upper part of the room who presided at the melodeon. He saw that she was easily the leader among the half-dozen persons forming the choir, altho she was younger than most of them. They deferred to her and followed her lead as they sang the psalms and hymns





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In less than ten minutes the young man declared to himself, "There's my wife!"

No need to wait and see how she could keep house, or whether she fed dough to the horse; her whole bearing and personal appearance were sufficiently convincing. Added to all the rest, he knew, from the expression of the face and the contour of the chin and mouth, that here was his temperamental complement. Mischief could flash from those soft, big eyes, quick wit flow from the lips. She could be playful, but withal so dignified that no one could think her light or flippant.

After the services were concluded, Mr. Newcomb inquired of one of the young men who this girl was. "She is the eldest daughter of Squire Prince," was the reply.

So John Newcomb remained in Moncton, set up his school, and wooed and won the lady despite the obduracy of the Squire. When the engagement was at last announced and the time of the wedding set for a year thence, the young man soliloquized once

"Now, I have found my congenial mate by the rules laid down by the phrenologist, and I am going to put to test the theories of heredity put forth by the physiologist Combe. My first-born shall be an astronomer '

With this laudable end in view, he taught astronomy in his school Newcomb talked astronomy with anybody who would listen to him. He gathered the people of the village together and lectured to them on astronomy and engaged them in discussions on the earth's movements. He ate, drank, talked, walked, slept, dreamed in terms of astronomy. He was steeped in astronomy.

Naturally, he also interested his bride-to-be in the same subject. During the winter there was much visiting of neighbors in the long evenings. Sometimes the distance between houses was a mile or more. The sleigh was not always brought into requisition, for our young couple enjoyed walking over the crisp snow, studying the stars as they went. The young man would discourse upon the wonders of the heavenly bodies and their immense distances from us and from each other; he called the constellations by name and rehearsed their mythological origin, and the young woman at his side became as enthusiastic as himself. As the winter constellations sparkled about them in all their dazzling glory, their minds were filled with awe, reverence, sublimity, grandeur, and



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HAMILTON AND THE LAW OF GRAVITY

HERE have been few passengers in aeroplane accidents to report their sensations for us and professional aviators generally are reticent about their experiences. One of the latter, however, has described some of his adventures in the New York World. Mr. Charles K. Hamilton began the habit early in life by jumping off a fifty-foot trestle when he was fourteen years old. Since that time he has gained in experience and in the past six years his falls total a little over two miles through the air. Broken limbs and hours of unconsciousness are merely incidents of the game. A few of his falls have been sufficiently unusual to merit attention. At an exhibition at Paterson, N. J., with his dirigible, Mr. Hamilton had risen nearly 5,000 feet, and was preparing to come down slowly. Says he:

I had just begun to descend and had dropt 600 feet gradually when, without warning, the gas-bag burst and the machine began to fall. The instant I heard the explosion I knew what had happened and I thought everything was over. I knew that a fall from that height would dash me to pieces, and I also knew there was nothing I could do to save myself. My whole life flashed through my brain. I thought of everything I had and hadn't done. The mere sensation of falling wasn't particularly unpleasant. I had fallen so many times that I was used to it. If I had known that I wouldn't be dashed to death, the fall would have been little more than a thrilling experience. However, I knew that I should be killed, and the quick

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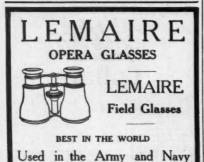
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Since he has taken to aeroplanes Mr. Hamilton has had few serious falls. "Really," he says, "flying is much more exciting than falling. Besides, it isn't half as dangerous,' tho as far as the fall is concerned he finds the sensation "not unpleasant." The landing is not so enjoyable, judging from two of his accidents.

I had one very serious fall from a glider at Ormond Beach on January 14, 1906. My glider struck the flagpole on the bath-house in front of the hotel and I was hurled to the board-walk sixty feet below. I struck the walk on my chest and with such force I broke one of the planks. If I had landed on my head I would have been killed instantly; but as it was I got off with nothing more serious than a couple of broken ribs and a few dislocations. I was laid up in the hospital for three months, but that was due more to the shaking up I got than to anything else.

While I was learning to fly at Hammondsport I had three falls which bruised me up a bit. One was of at least sixty feet, and I broke my right kneecap. It soon healed, but occasionally it gives me a little bother. The other falls were of about fifty feet each. They shook me and bruised me, but didn't

break any bones. The most serious fall that I have experienced since taking up the flying game took place at Seattle, where I was giving an exhibition flight last April. I was flying over Lake Washington, at least 225 feet above its surface and perhaps 300 feet-for I was away above the tops of the trees, and Oregon pines are nearly 200 feet high-when one of the wires that controls one of the planes jumped its pulley. It caused me to lose my balance and the machine turned over three times and fell into the lake. Instinctively I doubled up to take the water, but as we struck the water my head struck a heavy pole on the machine and I was knocked unconscious. I was rescued amost immediately, but it was three hours before I regained consciousness.



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As much out of place as the too persistent and too vociferous talker, continues the wellknown English clergyman, is the town parson who has just been transferred to a country living, who "does not know a cabbage from a cauliflower, and thinks to keep a sheep so that he may have kidneys for his breakfast every morning." To quote further:

When I gave my first tithe dinner to the farmers in my parish I could take no part in the conversation-it turned on the most convenient spots where to fall on returning from market. One had made his acquaintance with a ditch, another had tested a patch of turf, a third had been projected into a quickset hedge, a fourth had made experience of a bed of nettles. My only contribution to the debate was a caution against a heap of stones on which my pony had thrown me when a boy as it plunged from an elephant of a traveling menagerie. After that I kept a pig, studied its ways, and talked pig at my next tithe dinner. Out of place are those Londoners, clubmen, who chance to find themselves dining with fox-hunting squires in the country. They may be capital conin the country. They may be capital coversationalists, have a store of anecdotes but anecdotes, like birds, need twigs on which to alight, and this society provides none suitable. The conversation rolls upon horses, dogs, runs; and the Londoner knows no more of sport than what he has gathered from Leech's pictures in Punch. A country gentleman dining in town with a party of political notables is equally out of place. All he knows of politics is gathered from the newspapersa day old-and those at table speak from intimate knowledge, and that which is recent, are behind the scenes, or suppose themselves to be so. He departs feeling that he has

been essentially—de trop.

A farmer from the West Country, with influence in securing votes in his division, was urged by the sitting member to dine with him should he come to town. In an evil hour Farmer Giles accepted the invitation when chance brought him to London. A number of distinguished guests were present. The conversation at table moved briskly up and down, but it was in vain that the farmer sought for an opening where he might thrust in a remark, and for a chance to play his part in the general conversation. All that was discust was beyond his range-politics, art, the drama, social gossip. At length, after a dinner at which he had felt himself quite out of place, he said to his hostess before departing: "My lady, I have an old sow at home that has recently farrowed thirteen

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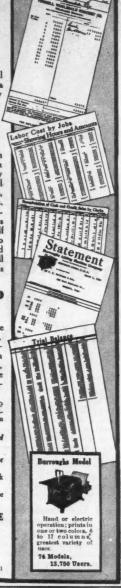
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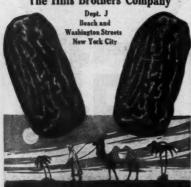
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little piglings, and"-here I paraphrase his homely description-"Nature had provided for twelve only, so that the little thirteenth wriggled this way, that way, seeking its proper nutriment, but unable to find accommodation, whereas the twelve enjoyed themselves heartily. I feel, my lady, that I have been in the situation of the thirteenth pigling this evening. But I thank you for your hospitality all the same. I wish you a very good evening."

FAME'S GOLDEN LINING

HE jocose definition of penury as the product of the pen seems amply refuted in the case of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, who has not only won fortune and fame at the pen's point, but has overthrown another fable about the struggling young writer by never having had a manuscript rejected. In The American Magazine we

Mrs. Burnett laughingly relates how, when she sent her first manuscripts to a magazine publisher at the tender age of twelve, she slipt a bit of paper into the envelope bearing the stern young warning: "My object is remuneration!"

The manuscript was accepted (nothing that Mrs. Burnett has ever written has not been accepted! Mark this, thou poor struggling scribbler!), and if her object at twelve was remuneration, she certainly has achieved it all along the line, in recognition among the elect, in popularity among the masses, as well as in good gold coin.

In the seventies her first great novel, "That Lass o' Lowrie's," placed her in the front rank among novelists; "Esmeralda,' first played in 1880, won her immediate success as a playwright; and her dramatization alone of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," in 1886, netted her no less than \$150,000-a fortune in itself-the greater part of which was spent in the heart-breaking battle with the last illness of her eldest son, Lionel.

Her dramatization of "The Dawn of a To-morrow," which has already run for two seasons and bids fair to run as many more, brought her in royalties of between one and

two thousand dollars a week.

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"Wal, when the fishin's good I don't git time to think, an', when it's bad, thinkin' don't help it any."-Scribner's Magazine.

The Primrose Path to Ruin.—"Prosperity has ruined many a man," remarked the moralizer. "Well," rejoined the demoralizer, "if I was going to be ruined at all I'd want prosperity to do it."—Detroit Free Press.

The Laziest Man .- During the Civil War a captain of a company which had sixty men in its ranks, none of whom were as energetic as the officer thought they should be, hit upon a plan which he believed would cure their habits of laziness. One morning after roll-call the captain, addressing his command, said: "I have a nice, easy job for the mand, said: "I have a more will the laziest man in the company. Will the laziest man step to the front? Instantly fifty-nine man step took a step forward. "Why men each took a step forward. "Why didn't you step to the front?" inquired the commander of the one man who did not come. "I was too lazy," replied the soldier. -Philadelphia League.

An Easier Way .- "It must be expensive to get up these moving pictures of warfare. Yes, actors and costumes cost a lot.'

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Time Will Tell.-The father of four boys, discovering the eldest, aged thirteen, smoking

cigaret, called the four together for a

"Now, Willie," he said, in conclusion, to

his youngest, "are you going to use tobacco when you get to be a man?"
"I don't know," replied the six-year-old,

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One Life at a Time.-FIRST GOSSIP-Well, good-bye, dearie. Be you happy and

SECOND GOSSIP-"Get along with 'ee, me dear; I'll see 'ee long afore that."-Punch.

Wait a Bit.-Guest-"Look here: how long am I going to have to wait for that half portion of duck I ordered?"

WAITER—"Till somebody orders the other half. We can't go out and kill half a duck." -Toledo Blade.

Expense Note.—An exchange says that matches are cheaper than gas. This can not mean the kind that are made under the parlor gas .- Boston Herald.

No Hero .- "I saw the captain show cowardice once."

"When was that?"

"You know how bald he is?"

"Yes.

"Well, in the last engagement when the enemy's aviator began to drop his bombs I saw the captain put on his cap."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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All For Love.—HE-"1 want you to give me a proof of your love, dearest.

SHE-"Oh, Ernest! Am I not dancing with you?"

HE-"That's nothing."

SHE-"You wouldn't say that, dear, if you knew how badly you dance!"-New Zealand Free Lance.

The Second Fiddle .- Todgers-" Ah, Count, allow me to introduce you to Mr. Saton.

COUNT-"It ees a great pleasure for me to meet a musician like you, monsieur. I hear zat you and your family play ze music."

SATON—"Me?—why, I don't know any-

thing about music!"

COUNT—"Non? Zey tell me all round zat you play second fiddle to your wife?"— M. A. P.

Where Nature Fails .- LITTLE CARL (in the forest)-"Father, I can hear the cuckoo, but I can not see any clock."-Jugend.

Goats.—Country Boarders-"Don't you see, pretty maid, how we are all following you?

P. M.—"Oh, yes, when I come home from the pasture the goats do the same.' Meggendorfer Blaetter.

CURRENT EVENTS

Foreign

September 30.—It is announced there have been 92,429 deaths from cholera in Russia in the course of the present epidemic.

October 1.—Henri Wynmalin, at Mourmelon, France, ascends to a record height of 9,186 feet in an aeropiane.

October 2.—The new Chinese Imperial Senate is opened by the Regent.

It is reported that Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese ambassador to the United States, has asked the government of China to abolish the queue.

All the powder-manufacturing companies of Can-ada, with one exception, have formed a merger under the title of British-Canadian Explosives, Ltd., controlled by the Nobel Corporation, which owns the Du Pont Works at Wilmington, Del.

October 3.—Booker T. Washington is the guest of King Frederic of Denmark.

October 4.—The German Emperor bestows the order of the Red Eagle on Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University.

Maurice Tabuteau makes an aeroplane flight across the Pyrenees from Spain into France.

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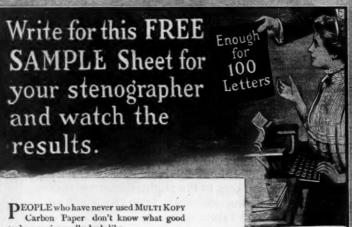
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October 5.—Leaders of the Republican party in Portugal depose King Manuel and proclaim a republic in Lisbon, with Theophile Braga as provisional President.

October 6.—It is reported that the shipbuilders' strike at Berlin has ended in a victory for the strikers.

The lockout of 130,000 cotton-mill operatives in England is declared at an end.

The King of Portugal, the Queen Mother, and the Queen Dowager Maria Pia arrive at Gib-raltar on the royal yacht. Dispatches from Lisbon say that city is quiet and the Republican provisional government is in control.

September 30.—Winslow Homer, the painter, dies at Scarboro, Me.

John A. Dix is nominated for Governor by the New York State Democratic Convention at New York Rochester.

October 1.—Nineteen persons are killed in a fire following an explosion which wrecked the plant of the Los Angeles *Times*.

N. B. Broward, former Governor of Florida, and successful candidate for United States Senator in the recent primaries, dies at his home in Jacksonville.

Four persons are killed and between 20 and 30 are seriously injured at the Vanderbilt Cup race on Long Island; the race is won in record time by Harry F. Grant in an Alco car.

President Taft speaks in New York at the din of the National League of Republican Club

October 2.—United States Treasurer McClung reports that the total amount of money in the United States is estimated at \$3,419,519,483, and that last year the Government took in from ordinary sources \$675,711,715, the largest sum in its history.

The International-Prison Congress opens its session in Washington.

Fifteen of the crew of the battleship New Hamp-shire are drowned by the sinking of a cutter in the Hudson River.

October 3.—Mayor Gaynor of New York, after an absence of nearly two months, returns to his office.

October 4.—President Taft accepts the resigna-tion of William H. Moody as an Associate Jus-tice of the United States Supreme Court. The Interstate Commerce Commission suspends transcontinental freight rate advances until February 6:

E. P. Prentice succeeds Timothy L. Woodruff as Chairman of the Republican State Committee of New York.

In a trolley-car collision near Staunton, Ill., 37 persons are killed and several injured.

October 5.—Rev. Marion Leroy Burton is installed as president of Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Archbishop Farley consecrates St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, in the presence of three cardinals, 75 bishops and archbishops, and over 1,000 priests.

The general triennial convention of the Episco-pal Church in America is opened in Cincinnati

October 6.—Charles E. Hughes resigns as Governor of New York to take his place on the United States Supreme Court bench.

The Massachusetts Republican State Convention renominates Governor Eben S. Draper.

The Massachusetts Democratic State Convention nominates Frederic W. Mansfield for Governor.

Colonel Roosevelt starts on an eight-day-speaking tour of the South and Indiana.

RECENT CENSUS RETURNS

	POPULATION.		Per
	1910.	1900.	In- crease.
rmingham, Ala	132,685	38,415	245.4
utte, Mont	. 39,165	30,470	28.5
nattanooga, Tenn	44,604	30,154	47.9
elaware	202,322	184,735	9.5
arrisburg, Pa	64,186	50,167	27.9
cksonville, Fla	57,699	28,429	103.0
ansas City, Kan	82,331	51,418	60.1
ncoln, Neb	43,973	40,169	9.5
edford, Mass	23,150	18,244	3.7
elrose, Mass	15,715	12,962	4.7
issouri	3,293,335	3,106,665	6.0
ew Mexico	327,396	195,310	67.6
ewport, Ky	30,309	28,301	7.1
asadena, Cal	30,291	9,117	232.2
. Joseph, Mo		102,979	-24.8
an José, Cal	28,946	21,500	34.6
nawnee City, Mo	12,474	10,955	7.2
opeka, Kan	43,684	33,608	30.0
oburn, Mass		14,254	13.5
orcester, Mass	145,986	118,421	23.3

THE LEXICOGRAPHER'S EASY CHAIR

"W. H. W.," Washington, D. C.—"Kindly advise whether the italicized words in the following sentences are used correctly: (4) "The cause is still depending in the Circuit Court." (2) "It follows, therefore, that common carriers in such Territories, even altho not engaged in interstate commerce, are by the act made liable. ." (3) "A pronoun is a word used in stead of a noun."

(1) The word "depending" was formerly used in the sense of "pending," or "awaiting settlement," as in the sentence submitted, and this usage was recognized by the literary authorities of the early nineteenth century. The STANDARD DICTION-ARY designates the term as archaic, hence the word "pending" would conform more to present-day

(2) On page 60, col. 3, the STANDARD DICTIONARY gives "even tho" as one of the meanings of the term altho. As the word "even" is thus included in the definition of the term itself, it would be tautological to use the expression "even altho."

(3) In regard to the use of the word "stead" as a noun in this particular construction, the followa noun in this particular construction, the follow-ing statement appears in Murray's New English Dictionary (Oxford): "The two words in stead, meaning 'in place,' were rarely written as one word before 1620, but seldom separately after 1640, except when separated by a possessive pronoun or possessive case, as in my stead, in Duke William's stead; . . . formerly also in the stead of, which is still used dialectally." Modern usage favors the combined form instead, as used in the capacity of an adverb.

capacity of an advern.

"M. A. R.," Baltimore, Md.—"The following wording appears in a bill of sale: 'For furnishing and delivering the articles listed below in accordance with accepted proposal . ' Is the word 'delivering' necessary in the sentence in order to make clear the fact that there is to be no extra charge for delivering the goods at the warehouse?"

The specific sense of "the transportation of a warehouse the proposed in the proposed."

purchase to a place designated by the purchaser, as exprest by the word delivering, is not contained in the meaning of the word furnishing, and it is therefore necessary to employ both words if this idea is to be definitely set forth.

"B. S.," Western Springs, Ill.—"Could a sentence which has for its subject a noun clause be considered a simple sentence, for the reason that the clause is not dependent?"

According to Bullions' "English Grammar,"

this may be termed a simple sentence, and the following statements are made concerning this contowing statements are made concerning this construction: "The simple sentence may be enlarged.

1. By an adjunct word, or phrase, in any or all of its parts; By the substitution of a clause for its subject, object, or attribute; as, 'That men should lie is base.' . . . When a clause connected by that can be regarded either as the subject or object of the verb in the leading clause, it is in construction equivalent to a substantive, and the whole may be regarded as a simple sentence, the in form really complex." The point is a debatable one, however, and many grammarians adhere to the rule that a simple sentence is one that contains but one subject and one predicate, thus ex-cluding from this class all sentences containing

Unanswerable.—The wit of a newly appointed officer on General Sherman's staff once saved him from a severe arraignment. The general liked young men; but not when they were "fresh." One night he happened to overhear a boyish officer say to a group of friends:

"Sherman? Mighty good fellow. He and I had lunch together. I am rather fond of old Sherman, you know."

The general joined the gathering amid profound silence.

Turning to the lieutenant he said sternly: "I think, sir, you might have said 'General' Sherman.'

"Why, sir," answered the youngster with happy presence of mind, "did you ever hear of General Achilles or General Julius Cæsar?" -Interior

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"Loose sand is a minor feature, and much more prevalent on the seacoasts and along the bottom lands of rivers. There are wide areas of bare rocks, and the larger deserts include mountains, ridges, mesas, and deep cañons.

"The deserts of the Southwest are regions of very scanty rainfall, parts of them having only three inches a year and evaporation of eighty inches or more. Most of the rain descends in very heavy local storms which give rise to short-lived torrents, sometimes of great volume.

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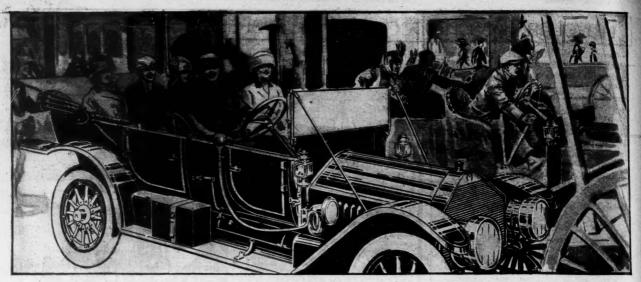
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